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The Highlands

Weekender

May 26, 2011

Foodie memoirs

Coles'Notes

Catherine Coles
Branch Services Librarian



Some people love to eat, some people love to write about what they eat, and then there are some people who enjoy reading books about other people's experiences with what they eat. The books I am referring to belong to the niche genre of "foodie memoirs", books that describe in detail an author's encounters with food during a specific time period, or throughout different stages, of their life. Many people will remember Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously, in which author Julie Powell describes her experience cooking through all the recipes in Julia Child's famous Mastering the Art of French Cooking. If you enjoyed Julie & Julia, the Haliburton County Public Library has many other foodie memoirs for you to consider.

In Climbing the Mango Trees, author Madhur Jaffrey showcases her amazing ability to recall and re-create the evocative flavours of the India she grew up in. The book is composed of short chapters, each one detailing some memory of childhood: siblings, summer trips,

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Mark your calendar "Home Show Weekend". Make plans to be in Haliburton June 3, 4, and 5 for the 33rd Annual Haliburton Home and Vacation Show. The show, featuring over 140 exhibitors, uses outdoor space in front of the Curling Club and the floor space in the Arena and Curling Club. It is a relaxed, fun show where people enjoy good times and find "Great Deals". It's a time to talk to contractors and tradespeople about your projects or problems. There are many show specials on large ticket items such as appliances, furniture and major decorating or renovating items. It's a great place to shop for gifts or to find that special item you've been searching for. The Haliburton Curling Club sponsors the show and hosts the Licensed Food Lounge upstairs in the Curling Club. Canoe radio will be broadcasting live from the show. Parking is free. The \$3.00 adult admission ticket is good for re-admittance throughout the weekend. The show is always well attended. It's a great opportunity to see what's new, to visit with old friends and to make new ones. Show times are: Friday, June 3 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Wayne Hussey at 705-457-2892 for more information. See you there. /Submitted photo

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Foodie memoirs

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traumas, first love, the travails of a joint family, etc. but the common thread that runs throughout all the chapters is the association of food with the memories.

Professional chef Anthony Bourdain could be described as the king of the foodie memoir. His first book *Kitchen Confidential*, published in 2000, and new book *Medium Raw*, are both witty and rambunctious exposés of his experiences with the “darker side” of the culinary world.

Lunch in Paris by Elizabeth Bard is the story of an American woman who marries a Frenchman and must learn to live and eat à la française. This light and fun book includes easy-to-follow recipes throughout to assist those who feel inspired to recreate the allure of the Parisian culinary season in their own homes.

All of the titles mentioned, as well as numerous other foodie memoirs and cookbooks, are available at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Kawartha Lakes celebrates a geographic feature

Kawaserene waters of Balsam Lake in the middle of the Trent-Severn Waterway lies the highest body of fresh water in Canada from which one can circumnavigate the world, found at 256.3 metres above sea level. While there are two higher global navigable rivers, Balsam Lake is the only spot that gives the skipper the choice to go east to the Atlantic Ocean, west to the Pacific Ocean, south to the Caribbean Sea or north to the Arctic Ocean.

In acknowledging this unique geographic feature of national significance, the site has been named Canada's Fresh Water Summit. Located at the Municipal Dock in Coboconk, Ontario (coordinates of 44°39.476N – 78°47.815W), this point marks the well known fact identified by Parks Canada as the Balsam Lake Summit along the Trent-Severn Waterway. After the Mississippi River and the Danube River in Germany, the next highest point of fresh water is Balsam Lake at 256.3 metres.

This unique feature is now being recognized and celebrated in Coboconk, ON with an annual commemorative celebration. The full day celebration will highlight a stunning Parade of Boats through the Ages, includ-

ing a flotilla of local, historic, regional, national and unique watercraft. The Wharf will be alive with activities; including live entertainment by Fresh Water Trade, and the impressive 45' Celebration Tug Boat from Trent Severn Waterway (TSW). The Tug Boat is part of TSW's traveling Party to celebrate its 100th Anniversary. The in-town festivities continue with an impressive Water Ski show, reptile exhibition, and incredible bug display by Orkin, traveling buskers, pancake breakfast, bake sale, artisan display, Kids Zone and more. Learn interesting local history by completing the Passport Tour organized by the Sheddron Historical Association at the Train Station. Buy 50/50 tickets from the Legion with a chance to win up to \$5000.00. The day is wrapped up with Coby's Got Talent contest and Pig Roast at the Pattie House. Coboconk will be alive with activity, come celebrate with us!

Visit our Facebook page Fresh Water Festival Summit

Please contact the Barb Curry to learn more about specific event details by sending an email to barbc44@sympatico.ca or calling 705-454-1878.

M&M Meat shops raise \$1.5 million for Crohn's and Colitis

This past Saturday, May 7th, franchisees, staff and thousands of volunteers at 465 M&M Meat Shops locations across Canada joined together to raise \$1,550,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC). Supporters from coast to coast lined up to celebrate M&M

Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day and raise funds to support vital research to find a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, also known as inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). To date, M&M Meat Shops' franchisees, customers and volunteers have raised more than \$21.5 million for this worthy cause.

Saturday marked the 23rd annual M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day and Canadians enjoyed thousands of hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream bars in support of the CCFC. Every cent raised goes directly to CCFC research to help find a cure for IBD, a disease that affects more than 200,000 Canadian men, women and children.

This year, M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day was supported by Amanda Holmes, daughter of Canada's Most Trusted Contractor, Mike Holmes, and sufferer of Crohn's disease. "My dad is an expert at home renovation and construction," says Amanda. "But when I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease even he didn't have the tools to fix me. At this point, nobody does and that's why both of us are proud to support the CCFC and M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day."

"There are few things harder than seeing your child in pain," says Mike Holmes. "We appreciate every dollar donated to the CCFC."

Cooking for a Cure

"Once again, Canadians demonstrated incredible support for Charity BBQ Day, raising more than \$1.5 million in a single day for CCFC," says Mac Voisin, Founder and Chairman of M&M Meat Shops. "Our sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make the 23rd annual Charity BBQ

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House help

Mike Rahme



Providing home inspections, at the best of times is filled with challenges and often those challenges are in making judgement calls. It is not at all uncommon to come across a home or cottage that has been built with wooden poles for rafters, now while these are getting fewer and far between, on average I will see 2 or 3 a year. So, here in lies the challenge. Does the roof need to be torn off and rebuilt? It certainly does not comply with any code even when we consider that the building code deals with the minimum standards. Put yourself in the place of the family that presently lives in that home. This Home Inspector guy walks around the house poking and prodding, "caulk this, extend that downspout" and so on and then he heads to the attic. Low and behold he sees the spruce pole roof structure. Well that is no good he trumpets. Yet the family that has lived in home for the last 40 years feel that the home has served them well. Why do we have to pull the roof off and frame a completely new one? "Well it is not safe of course" states the inspector. Well is it? I welcome your comments.

This is one of the challenges that the industry has to deal with. Another, no less subjective task is with new homes, or the installations of new components in older homes. The Ontario Building Code provides us with guidance on where and how these new installations should be dealt with. It is my job to have somewhat of an understanding of these rules. The Electrical Code, the Gas Code, the Oil code, the solid fuel code, the Plumbing Code, the Septic code and of course the mother of all codes Part 9 the building envelope code (each trade will argue that their code is the mother of all codes) One thing that I am sure all trades will agree to is the subjectivity in interpreting the various building codes.

Early in my career I felt, given the large amount of wood burning appliances that to become WETT certified would be a wise move. Like every certification there are different levels of qualifications, for instance I have a General Inspector qualification within the WETT industry, and of course over a period of years with training you can evolve to a Masters accreditation. I have been involved in enough courses to know that the course is only going to be as good as the facilitator. On one of my more difficult courses that I took "House Pressures" I was lucky enough to have a very good teacher who made an otherwise difficult course much more manageable, and after word I held in very high regard as a strong authority in the solid fuel industry. If memory serves me correct I believe he was from South Western Ontario.

Some time ago I wrote an article for this paper regarding woodstove installations in Residential Garages. Little did I know that my instructor of years gone by would be visiting our beautiful end of the world and critiquing my work? Marshall sits on the board for the Technical Committee for the Installation Code for Solid-Fuel-Burning Equipment, so needless to say is very well versed in the area of solid fuel.

Hi Mike

I believe you and I have met at a WETT course a few years back in Barrie. I have read your recent article in the Highlands Weekender about woodstove installations in garages. This appears to be a bit of misinformation.

What you have described is the requirements for a commercial repair garage. B365 allows woodstoves in a "storage or residential garage" providing it is mounted 18" above the floor and protected from physical damage. The new B365 is a little more explicit on the mounting guidelines. The intent of the B365 technical committee was to allow the latter knowing that some small projects and repair would likely take place in such a residential garage.

May I suggest that you write a subsequent piece to set the record straight?

Yours truly

Marshall

WETT Master Solid Fuel Tech.

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My reply was as follows, now I do believe that Marshall is valid with his comments, I am simply dealing with what I see.

Hey Marshall very nice to hear from you, I very much appreciate your input. My interpretation of B365-10, 4.3 Hazardous locations was as follows:

Solid fuel burning appliance are permitted on residential garages or storage garages, as long as we have the proper floor clearance and the appliance is protected from physical damage. This alone is adequate so long as we do not have the presence of "corrosive atmosphere, flammable gas, or vapour, combustible dust or combustible fibres". That being said, no work activities are likely to be able to be carried out in the garage. Therefore an extended presence of someone being in the garage, to the point that they will feel the need to put on a wood fire is also very unlikely. It has been my experience when doing inspection in residential garages that utilize solid fuel, they contain at least one, and most often multiple forms of the hazardous substances as defined by B365-10. In fact I do not believe I have ever seen a wood / pellet stove in a garage that was solely used for parking your car or only storage. What would be the point? This is by no means meant to be disrespectful of your advice, and if I have, in your opinion manipulated the intent of B365 it has been done only to bring awareness to the inherent fact that most residential garages here that con-

tain solid fuel burning appliances are truly work shops where people are unknowingly put themselves at risk.

Mike

The excerpt from B365 -10 reads as follows

4.3 Hazardous locations

An appliance shall not be installed in a location where a corrosive atmosphere, flammable gas or vapour, combustible dust, or combustible fibres might be present. It may be installed in a

(a) storage or residential garage, provided that the appliance is mounted in such a manner that any component representing a source of ignition, such as a blower or the bottom of the firebox, is at least 450mm(18inches) above floor level and protected against physical damage; or

(b) commercial repair garage or other facility used for the maintenance of equipment that might involve volatile flammable substances, provided that

(i) the appliance is located in a room that is separated from the remainder of the building by a vapour-tight fire separation;

(ii) the room specified in Item (i) is not directly accessible from the location of the volatile substances; and

(iii) all duct penetrations of the vapour-tight fire separation are located at least 2m (6.5 ft) above the floor level.

Maybe the subjectivity is in the word "residential" garage

At the end of the day be fuels and combustible dusts such as fine saw dust do not mix well with a solid fuel heated space

Please be safe

HomePro Mike Wett 5535.

Email Mike Rahme any questions you may have about home maintenance. Please include your first name only as well as the area that you are writing about.

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Ontario weather review for the month of April

April 2011 will be remembered for its wet weather and perception of colder than normal temperatures.

Temperatures for most of the province were highly variable from one week to the next but, in the end, were within normal values. Most locations were within one degree of the normal mean temperature values. Moosonee was two degrees higher than temperatures expected for April.

Records for the most rainfall and total precipitation were broken this month at many locations, with some receiving between twice and close to four times the amount of rain normally expected in April. Records for the greatest amount of rainfall and precipitation were broken in Ottawa, Wiarton and Sault Ste Marie.

Single-day records were also broken during the month. A new daily record was set in Petawawa on April 10, when it received 25.8 millimetres of rain. On April 20, North Bay and Sudbury received 21.4 and 14.3 centimetres of snow respectively. The previous record amount of snow received that day in North Bay was 9.4 centimetres in 1948. Ottawa also broke its highest rainfall amount for April 26 with 20.6 millimetres of rain.

Overall, this past April was wetter-than-normal, with the exception of Trenton, which received less precipitation than normal.

Severe Weather

This month heard the year's first rumblings of severe thunderstorms, alongside winter-like weather, and ended with a large scale windstorm in the last days of the month.

Ontario's season for severe thunderstorms normally begins in mid-April, including storms capable of producing large hail, damaging winds, flooding rains and tornadoes. This year was no exception, as a combination of storm systems produced hail and damaging winds in various parts of the province. The first system moved into the west end of Lake Superior, from Minnesota, during the day on April 10 and produced golf-ball-sized hail in the Thunder Bay area. A second system of thunderstorms moved through south western and south central Ontario on April 10 and into Eastern Ontario during the early morning hours of April 11. Golf-ball-sized hail was reported in south western Ontario and heavy rain and localized damaging winds were reported in eastern Ontario.

Winter-like conditions prevailed throughout northern Ontario, as a low pressure system originating in Texas

moved through north eastern Ontario on April 16 and into the morning on April 17. Areas across the North, from Sioux Lookout to Geraldton to Kapuskasing reported snowfall accumulations in the 20 to 30 centimetre range. Areas closer to Lake Superior and Lake Huron experienced a mixture of snow, ice pellets and freezing rain.

An intense storm system originating in the American Midwest generated a series of strong thunderstorms that marched across southern and eastern Ontario on April 27. A series of rainfall and freezing rain warnings were issued for central and north eastern Ontario. The thunderstorms in southern Ontario caused damage to trees, barns and some buildings in the Waterloo-Wellington, Dufferin and Simcoe County areas. Investigations are continuing as to whether some of this damage was caused by tornadoes.

The severe weather continued on April 28, as the centre of the storm moved up through Georgian Bay and into Quebec. The system spawned destructive winds in an area from southwest of Hamilton through the Niagara Peninsula, the Greater Toronto area and then eastwards through Peterborough and the Kawartha Lakes, and into Ottawa. Wind gusts measuring 85 to 100 kilometres per hour were common in these areas, with a peak gust of 124 kilometres per hour recorded just across the border at Niagara Falls, New York. There were numerous reports of trees being damaged or uprooted, power lines coming down and loose debris being blown about by the powerful winds. In fact, in the Grimsby area of the Niagara Peninsula a steel garage door that was leaning against a shed was picked up by a burst of wind and struck and killed a man.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION TABLES

Unusual mean temperature readings (in °C), ranked by variation from normal:

Location	Mean Temp	Normal	Difference
Warmest since			

Moosonee -0.4 -2.4 2.0 2010

Record rainfall readings (in mm), ranked by variation from normal:

Location	Rainfall	Normal	Difference
Previous Record			

Ottawa 166.0 60.5 105.5 2005 (143.8)

Wiarton 159.2 54.9 104.3 1951 (136.4)

Sault Ste Marie 108.4 50.5 57.9 1947 (95.5)

Unusual rainfall readings (in mm), ranked by variation from normal:

Location	Rainfall	Normal	Difference
Most rain since			
Elliot Lake	138.4	35.6	102.8
Windsor	149.4	80.7	68.7
Hamilton	136.0	69.6	66.4
Sudbury	109.2	47.0	62.2
North Bay	107.8	51.4	56.4
Chapleau	59.5	24.1	35.4
Toronto Pearson	93.4	62.4	31.0

2009
Unusual snowfall readings (in cm), ranked by variation from normal:

Location	Snowfall	Normal	Difference
Most snow since			
Kapuskasing	65.2	28.1	37.1

Record precipitation readings (in mm), ranked by variation from normal:

Location	Precipitation	Normal	Difference
Previous Record			
Wiarton	165.9	68.1	97.8
Ottawa	167.0	72.4	94.6
Sault Ste Marie	122.3	68.5	53.8

Unusual precipitation readings (in mm), ranked by variation from normal:

Location	Precipitation	Normal	Difference
Driest since			
Trenton	45.2	77.1	-31.9
Location	Precipitation	Normal	Difference

Wettest since			
Elliot Lake	148.8	50.0	98.8
Chapleau	117.1	46.3	70.8
Windsor	155.4	85.1	70.3
North Bay	133.4	67.2	66.2
Hamilton	142.0	78.0	64.0
Kingston	141.5	77.5	64.0
Sudbury	126.2	64.9	61.3
Kapuskasing	113.8	53.9	59.9
Muskoka	126.4	78.9	47.5
Wawa	109.4	62.9	46.5
Kenora	72.5	32.7	39.8
London	114.1	82.2	31.9
Thunder Bay	71.6	41.5	30.1
Moosonee	68.6	39.0	29.6
Sarnia	103.9	75.4	28.5
TO Pearson	96.6	68.4	28.2

Shops for their continued support and commitment to our search for a cure," says CCFC Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kevin W. Glasgow, MD. "Contributions from the M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day have funded many important developments in Canadian research, including: establishing the CCFC IBD Research Institute; launching the landmark GEM project looking at the Genetic, Environmental and Microbial factors contributing to the onset of Crohn's disease; and helping our Canadian researchers to become world-recognized leaders in the search for the cure."

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shops.com.

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) is a voluntary, not-for-profit, medical research foundation dedicated to finding the cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. The foundation is also committed to educating IBD patients, their families, health professionals and the general public about these diseases. For more information about Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or the CCFC, please visit www.ccfc.ca.

M&M Meats raise funds

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Day a huge success."

Voisin believes this amazing feat could not have been accomplished without the help of thousands of volunteers and dedicated M&M Meat Shops franchisees, who tirelessly facilitated BBQs and promoted the event in their local communities across the country.

"On behalf of the CCFC and the thousands of persons living with IBD across Canada, we are grateful to M&M Meat

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Colourful fun

Two-year-old Jake van Luik-Brohman stops under the parachute during an activity for the Fun Fair offered during the World Vision 30-Hour Famine held at the high school on Wednesday, May 11. See page 36 for more. Darren Lum Echo staff

EMS facing \$62,000 shortfall

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

This year is shaping up to be financially challenging for the county's emergency services department.

This was the message from emergency serv-

ices director Pat Kennedy to councillors on the emergency services committee at their May 11 meeting.

Kennedy said the department is facing budget pressures as a result of a drop in provincial funding, rising fuel costs and up-staffing.

This year's EMS budget is approximately \$4.2 million, with the province providing approximately \$1.9 million in funding.

As Kennedy and county treasurer Laura Janke explained to councillors, while the province had said it would be providing emergency services funding based on actuals for 2010, it ended up providing an amount based on the approved budget for 2010.

The shortfall is approximately \$62,000.

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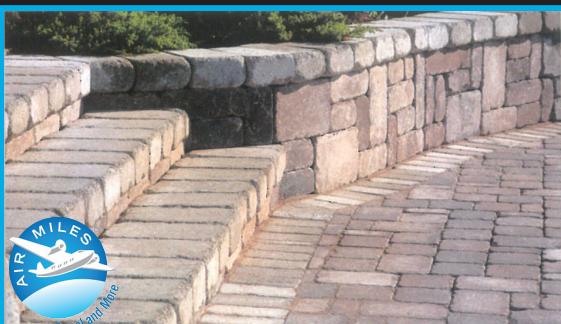
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7:00 pm Mass with Sacrament of the Sick and anointing

FRIDAY - JUNE 10
7:00 am - 7:00 pm Church will be open for private prayer
11:00 am Mass
 The Most Reverend Michael Muhall
 Bishop of Pembroke presiding

SATURDAY - JUNE 11
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm First Vespers of Pentecost
 Church will remain open for **ALL NIGHT VIGIL**

SUNDAY - JUNE 12
Pentecost Sunday
9:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving
 Fiftieth Anniversary of the
 Blessing of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy
 Followed by a "homecoming" Lawn Reception
4:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY - JUNE 13
 Feast of the Patron saint of Saint Anthony of Padua Mission, Haliburton
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Wilberforce explosion victim reflects, starts to rebuild

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

For Ted Procher the last seven months of his life can be summed up by the title of a popular Rankin Family song, *Rise Again*.

In October of 2010, Ted's house in Wilberforce was totally destroyed in an explosion, while he was inside having a shower.

Now seven months later the retired police and navy officer and his wife are beginning to rebuild in the exact same spot.

For Ted, 67, the events of that fateful day are as clear to him as if they just happened.

The day started out like any other as he began tinkering around his house with odd jobs.

"I didn't smell any propane and that's something I want to find out why," he said.

With his wife Sandy in Barrie at the time, Ted was home alone when he headed into the shower.

Before he could even finish washing his hair he remembers being surrounded by a bright yellow light.

"I felt pressure push me against the wall of the shower. I immediately thought 'uh oh'."

The next thing he remembers is waking up in his basement.

"The fire marshal said the explosion blew me up into the ceiling and then I dropped down about half way into the basement."

The cause of the explosion is still under investigation, however Ted suspects it was related to a propane leak. Criminal intent has already been ruled out by the fire marshal, he said.

When he woke up in his basement he felt no pain and was able to walk around the place he once called his home.

"I saw my neighbour Jim turning the valve off of the propane tank."

He began to notice the incredible extent of damage surrounding him, including the roof of his house covering what was once the front porch.

"I walked over to it and thought 'I'm taller than my roof,'" he said.

Stumbling around his property totally naked, Ted was greeted by members of the Highlands East fire department within minutes of the explosion.

From there he was taken to the Haliburton hospital and eventually airlifted to Sunnybrook hospital. The journey, he said, was anything but boring. A former helicopter crewman, the ride was an entertaining one.

"I guess I just talked my head off. That was the first time I'd been in a chopper since [being in the navy]. I was having a hoot."



Feeling no pain, Ted believes the shock was taking precedence over his injuries, which included a couple of gashes on his body and head.

He was released from Sunnybrook hospital the following day.

Following the explosion, Ted and Sandy stayed with their daughter and her family in Barrie.

He spent the winter there while he recovered from a life-changing event.

Upon returning to the scene of the accident approximately a week later, Ted was in disbelief over the devastation.

Suffering from a minor concussion, details from the weeks following the explosion are hazy.

"In the moment I was OK, but for a while there I couldn't

remember things I did. Sandy would say let's go to Sears and I didn't know where it was."

Nowadays Ted spends most of his time and energy looking to the future.

"This hasn't bothered me," he said looking over the spot where his former house sat.

A father of two, Ted retired to Wilberforce in 2007, where he designed and built his dream home with Sandy.

The couple plans to rebuild the exact same open concept bungalow they lived in before, with the hopes of having it complete this September.

"I mean crap happens. I thought of the Rankin Family song *Rise Again*. I got on the Internet, played it, cried and carried on."

Explosion coverage results in OCNA award

Haliburton Echo reporter Angelica Blenich took home first prize for her news story about a house explosion in Wilberforce at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards gala May 13.

The awards recognized Blenich for her story, which was "engaging right from the lead."

The judge, Tim Jaques, the editor of *The Tribune* in New Brunswick noted it was an "excellent news story" with "nice presentation."

(See Blenich's follow up to her initial story above.)

The *Haliburton Echo* came in third in the general excellent category at the awards.

"The *Haliburton County Echo* is a solid tabloid with a good mix of content and plenty of local faces in photographs," the judges stated in their assessment of the paper.

"It has good local editorials and lots of letters to the editor. I really liked *Cottage Times* section and the great local features. A good, comprehensive paper," one judge wrote.

The *Echo's* humour columnist, Steve Galea, took home the Humour Columnist of the Year award.

Sister paper, the *Minden Times* won second in general excellence for its circulation category.



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Lack of election information a postal code issue

Elections Canada cites riding boundary as reason for the website's incomplete poll information

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A poll station information error that occurred on the Elections Canada website prior to the May 2 federal election is being attributed to a postal code issue.

In the weeks leading up to the general election, constituents living in the Haliburton area were unable to retrieve information by typing their postal code in the voter information service link, which appeared on the home page of Elections Canada.

Candidate profiles, polling station locations and polling hours were just some of the items missing from the website for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding.

Voters could obtain some information by selecting the riding, but the postal code K0M 1S0 would not return a polling station address.

According to Diane Benson, media relations officer for Elections Canada, the problem appeared to be related to the specific

Haliburton postal code, which she believed fell on the riding's boundary.

"What happens is if your postal code is on a riding boundary ... when there's a riding boundary the website directs you to contact Elections Canada for information," said Benson.

"Because of the way the postal codes are, if you fall into that one circumstance we are unable to accurately identify for you the applicable voter information."

According to Benson, those in that situation are encouraged to contact their returning officer for voter information.

In the Haliburton area, those looking for information contacted *The Haliburton Echo*, one individual claiming he had tried obtaining information through the Elections Canada website to no avail.

Constituents also contacted Conservative MP Barry Devolin's office looking for information, said Jamie Schmale, executive assistant to Barry Devolin.

"We always get people calling and asking where their polls are," said Schmale. "There hasn't been an election gone by where we didn't have people asking questions."

According to Schmale, none of the requests for information were a direct result of the error on the Elections Canada website.

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Angelica Blenich Echo staff

A number of old hospital beds rest in the parking lot of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services building in Haliburton on May 12. The beds were waiting to be picked up and taken off site as the hospital made room for new state-of-the-art beds. Between the Haliburton and Minden hospitals, the HHHS welcomed 93 new beds funded through the LHIN, costing a total of \$170,000.

Haliburton Health Services welcomes 93 new beds

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Those relying on local health services found themselves comfortably resting their heads as of May 12 as the Haliburton Highlands Health Services team welcomed 93 new beds into their facilities.

According to HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush, the state-of-the-art beds were distributed between the Haliburton and Minden hospital locations between May 10 to 12, replacing the former beds found within the facilities.

Funded by the Local Health Integration Network, the beds cost \$170,000, which also included new mattresses.

The beds comply with new legislation from the ministry regarding long-term care, said Rosebush.

Facilitated by resident services coordinator Jenni Sisson, the new equipment was already being given a thumbs-up in Minden.

"The residents in Minden have told us they're so happy with the new beds," said Sisson.

According to Sisson, the new beds feature a high-low component, which allows the beds to be lowered almost parallel to the floor.

"A lot of our residents are lacking their cognitive sense and as a result they are having issues with falling out of bed," said Sisson.

The previous beds featured rails along the sides to aid with this issue, however rails no longer fall within ministry guidelines, she said.



Jenni Sisson, resident services coordinator with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, demonstrates how low to the floor the new hospital beds can go. The beds comply with new ministry standards.

Burning permit regulations clarified

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the May 9 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Fire chief Miles Maughan clarified the regulations regarding when a burning permit is necessary for those living in the municipality.

Starting April 1, a burning permit is required from the fire department to burn during daylight hours. Residents can burn between sunset and sunrise without a permit provided proper care and safety precautions have been taken, said Maughan.

To date 11 permits have been approved.

Hospital auxiliary celebrates 40th anniversary

Haliburton hospital auxiliary president Judy Skinner highlighted some of the organization's recent achievements to council during a special delegation.

This past March, the auxiliary, celebrated its 40th anniversary. The organization will also be reaching its \$1 million milestone in fundraising this June, said Skinner.

"This is a very momentous year for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary," said Skinner.

These two achievements reflect the generosity of the community of Haliburton and the pride residents take in their health care, she told council.

Today the auxiliary has 73 members and raises funds through a variety of initiatives, such as bake sales and an annual Taste of Italy event.

"I can tell you that our members have literally baked thousands of cookies and hundreds of cakes and pies for our bake sales over the years," said Skinner.

Over the years the organization has dedicated many hours towards fundraising initiatives and as a result a number of equipment purchases have been made for the hospital.

Council members unanimously thanked Skinner for all the time and effort the auxiliary contributes towards improving health care services in the area.

Reeve Murray Fearrey informed Skinner the auxiliary would be included in the upcoming municipal newsletter.

Museum renovations to be complete by summer

The Haliburton Museum should be open and operational by this summer if all goes according to plan.

The renovation project underway at the museum was delayed during the past few months due to construction delays and suspended funding as a result of the federal election.

According to Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, the project is undergoing washroom facility

upgrades, thus slowing down the timeline towards completion.

Davis is confident the museum will be open to the public sometime in the next few months.

Dysart supports elimination of health care recruitment incentives

The municipality is supporting a request submitted by the Town of Ingersoll to eliminate municipal health care professional recruitment initiatives.

The resolution was passed by Ingersoll council on April 11 and sent to all Ontario municipalities on April 21. The request outlines an increasing pressure felt by municipalities to offer incentives to attract and obtain health care professionals to the area.

"I think this is a good idea," said Fearrey. "It would make it a level playing field."

By providing incentives, said Fearrey, rural areas such as Haliburton County are placed at a disadvantage. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

Granite Cove condo project continues

Slight changes to the proposed condo development on Sunnyside Street have been approved as developers slightly altered their original plan.

The originally proposed 28-unit building has been slightly modified to a 30-unit building, with no changes to the building's overall size or water setback.

The changes, said developer Doug Gray, would only affect the interior of the building.

"It's still going to be a four-storey building," said Gray.

The modifications are the most logical way of dealing with a grading issue, he said, with the extra units generating more money to offset additional costs.

The proposed building will now include a two-tiered parking garage to accommodate the slopes on the property, said Gray.

The application has also been modified to include negotiations made by the developer with neighbouring property owners.

The development currently has approximately 25 reservations for the units, said Gray. Developers are hoping to begin collecting deposits on the units by the second week of June and begin digging by August.

The application to amend the draft zoning bylaw was approved by council.

Echo Hills apartment building expands

Plans to amend the site plan for Echo Hills apartments have been approved by council.

The amended site plan would see the

number of dwelling units increase from 45 to 52. No additional parking spaces were requested by the owners of the building.

Council agreed the additional housing units were needed in the community.

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Benefits of trails

THE TRAILS around Haliburton County are the quiet, meandering types.

With the exception of the straight, flat, groomed rail trails, the Highlands is populated mostly by squiggly, rocky, stunningly beautiful forest trails.

These little walking paths cover large amounts of the countryside without much fanfare, save for the Hike Haliburton Festival in the fall.

And like any good trail, our trails are places of reflection, something that is often lacking in our society.

According to research done at the University of Michigan by Marc Berman of the psychology department, just being out in nature can improve one's mental abilities.

In his research published in 2008, Berman compared the cognitive function of two groups of students.

One was asked to walk two miles through an arboretum – a place filled with birds, trees and plants – while the other group walked through the busiest street in Ann Arbor, Mich.

When the students returned from their walks, they were asked to perform a cognitive test, which revealed

that those who had spent their time in nature had better cognitive performance, paid better attention and were in better moods than those who walked through town.

Other research has found similar benefits from nature, including significant improvements to mental health and behavioural issues from spending time outside.

Here in Haliburton County, we have the ability to be surrounded by birds and plants and trees and fresh air every day.

Some of us have better access to this peaceful environment than others, but the great equalizer is our trails.

While they don't always get a lot of accolades, our trails give everyone the chance to experience the outdoors and unwind.

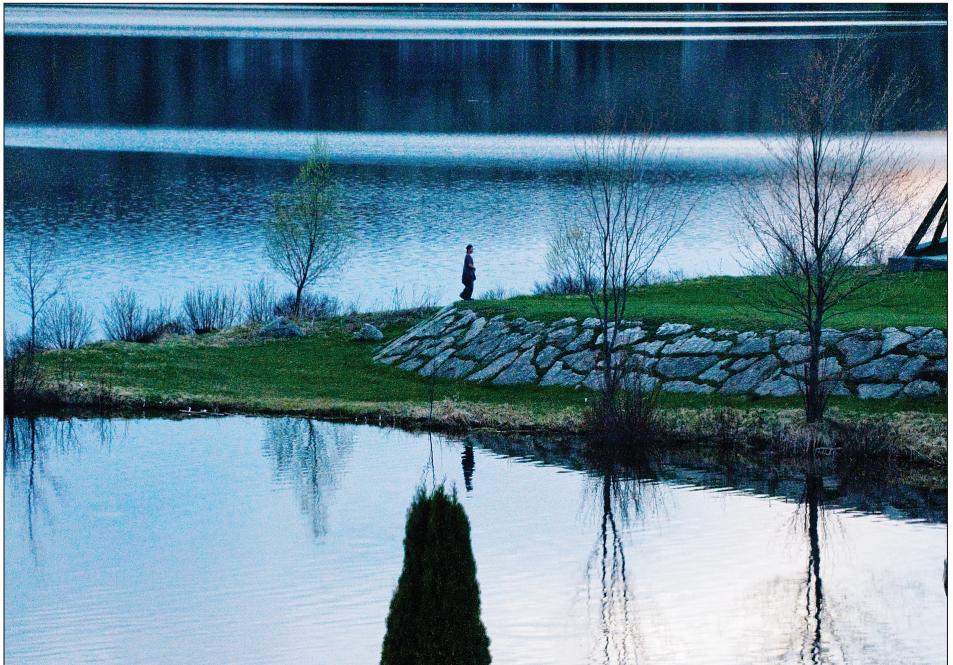
In recognition of the importance of our trails, we're doing a series of reviews of them in *Cottage Times*, starting this week and continuing in each long weekend's paper.

This month we profile Snowdon Park, which has a well cared-for trail inhabited by all sorts of birds, mammals and plants.

Happy trails!



Jenn Watt
Editor



Dusk walk

photo by Darren Lum

No cause for alarm

THERE ARE TIMES when I am convinced that technology is redundant.

One of those times is at the crack of dawn, on any day, on the lake where I live.

Then, you don't need an alarm clock.

Mine was set to 7 a.m. today, but, as usual, a family of loons roused me long before then.

Contrary to popular belief, loons are lousy neighbours.

I once read that long ago, outdoorsmen considered loon shooting a satisfying sport.

And, for the life of me, I never understood why.

I think I do now.

On the first night of their camping trip, they probably thought that the call of the loon was the epitome of wildness. They likely commented on how lucky they were to hear the call, since it is nonexistent in the city.

By night two, the charm had probably worn off just a bit. After all, they were tired from paddling all day.

I'm guessing by about night four they were keeping loaded shotguns by their sides and hoping that a loon would decide to fish near camp.

I'm not of that mind, but I do wish that loons would be a bit more considerate. These, after all, are the birds that wake up the roosters.

There are times when they decide to yodel near my window at about 3 a.m. when, just after I have bolted upright, I

wonder what the #\$\$! could possibly be so urgent at this time of night.

No doubt they are calling something like, "Hey Benny, I've found a school of minnows!" Or "Don't dive here! It's shallow."

Really? Couldn't this wait until morning? Do you have to yell this across the lake?

Believe me, I have nothing other than this against loons. Once, in fact, I rescued one that landed on the wet black-top of a road in the middle of a rainy night.

My buddy and I were driving along when we saw the hapless creature.

There it sat on the yellow line feeling a bit sheepish, I bet.

It wasn't calling any of its friends then. No, this is the kind of moment that every loon keeps to itself.

Luckily, we were near the lake and so, I got out of the truck, and approached the loon who rather than seeing me as a friend, decided I was an enemy who he should impale repeatedly.

In the end, I threw a coat over it and carried to a dock where I released it carefully into the water.

By the way, this is the surest way to make any garment smell like a tuna trawler.

As he swam off and then stretched his wings in that iconic way, we felt pretty good about this too.

But was he grateful to humanity? Was there a word of thanks?

If there was, it came at 4:45 the next morning.



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points of view

Ghosts in the wind

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE GHOSTS. Vera and the others found that out one evening. They were sitting around the committee table, discussing summer plans for their store when an odd scraping noise interrupted their chatter. "What was that?" asked Louie as he and the others turned their heads, searching for the source. "Oh that's just the ghost," came Vera's off-hand reply. Her words stopped the meeting in its tracks.

"What do you mean, 'just the ghost'?" responded another voice. All eyes were directed to Vera's face.

"We have a ghost in this old place," she said. "It's been here from the time we moved in. But there's nothing to worry about. It's harmless." A stunned silence ensued. Vera continued, "No really, it's fine. Let me tell you about what it does."

At that point the meeting agenda was put aside while Vera described the various ways the ghost had made its presence felt over the years. Sounds seemed to be its favourite as scraping, scratching and knocking were often heard in different parts of the building. On more than one occasion Vera had heard a crash from the basement as though something had fallen over. But when she went to investigate, nothing was out of place. At one time she had thought it was mice or her cats but it happened too many times in too many strange ways to be explained by the usual occurrences.

"Then there are the doorknobs," she told Louie and the others. You could have heard a pin drop by now. Vera explained that doorknobs did not work in her apartment, which was adjacent to the store in the same large building. When she first moved in, none of the interior doors closed. She would carefully pull or push a bedroom or bathroom door closed only to find it slowly swing open a minute or an hour later. Thinking repairs were in order she had a carpenter friend look at them all, oiling, even removing and then re-installing some. Still the doors would not stay closed. Desperate to keep her cat out of the bedroom so she could get a good night's sleep, Vera had asked the carpenter to replace that particular doorknob. But the first time she tried to close the new fitting, the knob just turned and turned in her hand without latching. Then the next day when she touched its smooth metal surface, it fell out onto the floor.

"So now I just accept that I can't close any door inside my apartment," she sighed. "Thank goodness the outside door is fine though, otherwise I'd be in trouble." She gave a little laugh while the others at the table exchanged looks.

"Well since we're talking about ghosts, I can tell you about the old welder around my property." This was Margaret who lived in town in an old house once owned by a welder. Margaret had heard about this fellow from her neighbours when she moved. The welder, who had died long before Margaret came on the scene, had apparently hated cats. "I heard some awful stories about him and cats which I won't repeat," Margaret told them. "But when I moved in with my tabby Cleo, she was not a happy feline for the longest time."

She described Cleo cowering in the living room corner, yowling at air in the upstairs hall and running out the door as though the devil himself was chasing her. Things improved when Margaret acquired the second cat, a big male. To Margaret's dismay this cat sprayed the living room corner, the upstairs hall and the door, all of which she immediately cleaned vigorously. She then had the cat neutered and that was the end of the spraying.

"It was also the end of whatever was bothering Cleo," she said. "Maybe it was just a coincidence and maybe not." As Margaret's voice trailed off there was a loud bang and everyone jumped. A gust of wind had blown open the side door beside their table.

"I wonder if we're in for a storm?" mused Louie, getting up to close the door. Before pulling it shut, he gazed around outside, then returned to the table. He wore an odd expression. "You know," he told the others. "When I looked outside, it was as calm as can be - not a leaf or blade of grass was moving. Maybe we should call it a night and meet again next week." It took less than two minutes for everyone to exit.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road



pic of the past

GRANT MCCRACKEN brought in this photo of his grandparents Blaine and Elizabeth Robertson. They stand in front of their farmhouse, which used to be in between Lochlin and Ingoldsby.

If you have a photo for pic of the past, bring it into the office or email it to editor@haliburtonecho.ca.

letters to the editor

A solution to goose poop problem

To the Editor,

Regarding one of the editorials I read regarding goose poop. Mentioned were a few solutions: killing them, catch and release them (somewhere else), poison the eggs, etc.

None of these so-called solutions will work because these "solutions" won't stop more geese coming back. Seems to me you've got to go back to a basic fact: 50 years ago there were no geese whatever in Haliburton County of which I am aware.

Why? Because they are not native to the type of environment we had back then - we had ducks in greater number instead.

Solution: don't cut the grass!

The geese hate tall grass because they cannot see the predators.

Of course, grass isn't native to this area either (don't get me started!) - we should grow trees instead of grass - also a habitat where geese never go!

Of course allowing the trees to grow as they have for major adjustment for those brainwashed with the need for (unnatural) manicured lawns.

Think of what's natural!

Ed Burke
Minden

Election was not imminent

To the Editor,

The Liberals, NDP and Bloc caused the election to get the Conservatives out of power, not realizing it could backfire on them. How do they feel now, with all the egg on their face?

As the Conservatives have a majority, there isn't anyone concerned about an imminent election.

I just hope that with the loss of so many seats by the Bloc, we've heard the last of separation.

Sure Jack Lenin (Vladimir Layton) is leader of the opposition, but they are only critics without any power.

He will never be a leader like Tommy Douglas.

And didn't David Lewis hold the balance of power with a lots less seats in 1972?

The NDP picked up seats in Quebec, as they always vote for a different party every election.

Now the Liberals can pick a leader from Quebec to replace Michael Wasn't Enough.

A lot of people only wasted their voice with all the vitriol towards Mr. Harper, so now it's time to remain silent.

The election should have been April 30, so that Mr. Harper's present would have been given to him on his birthday.

**Winston E. Ralph
Bancroft**

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letters

Property returned

To the Editor,

On Sunday, May 8, two trail wardens with the Haliburton ATV Association discovered an abandoned ATV on a HATVA trail in the Pine Springs area. Police were called and a check of the serial number revealed that the ATV had been reported stolen earlier in the day.

The wardens waited for police to arrive on location and assisted in towing the ATV off the trail to Pine Springs road.

Just another example of the good work done by the volunteers who make up the Haliburton ATV Association.

John Deakin
Gravenhurst

Question for Devolin

Dear Mr. Devolin,

Once again the voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock have re-elected you.

I trust you are humbled by the trust that has been placed in you. It is unbelievable that Stephen Harper has been given a majority government. His contempt for democracy, Parliament and Canadians remains unchanged. What does this say about our Canadian values? Now that you have been re-elected, please share with us your plans to address the following: unemployment and poverty in Haliburton County.

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Fees should be waived on lifts

To the Editor,

Let's get this straight. In order to replace a set of lake-access stairs with a mechanical lift, the municipality responsible for Redstone Lake is demanding a variance fee. That is because lifts are not covered in the current bylaws. The fee provides nothing but permission. It's a tax grab.

In addition, the applicant also has to buy the shore road allowance between the cottage and the lake. Road allowance? What road! Roads will never be built on the majority of these allowances, so chalk that up to another revenue grab for the town.

Now, who generally needs an inclined lift?

Certainly not two-income no-kids, nor theuppies training for 10-km marathons. They can use the stairs.

The people who need vertical assistance are the aged and the infirm, the ones who

have been cottaging for generations and would still like to get down to the lake – if possible. They are not absentee landlords. They have been paying taxes annually, buying building materials from local businesses, and shopping for groceries in town. They are our neighbours.

They will be using local labour and local materials to install the lifts. When the work is finished they will pay a bigger tax bill because of property improvements, and this much is fair.

A fair move on the part of council would be to waive the variance fee and to lease the mechanical-access rights to the lake for \$1 per year until such time a road really gets built.

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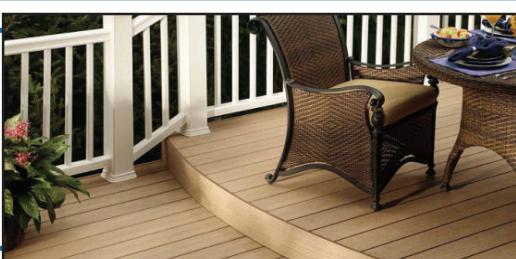


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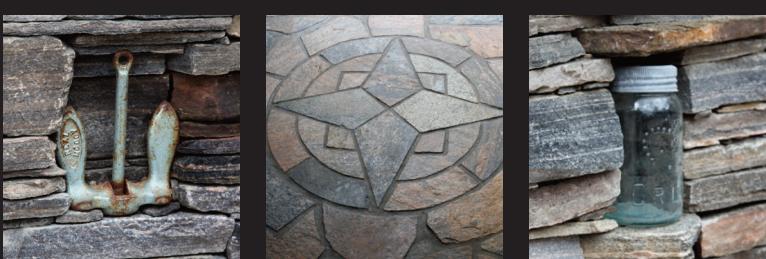


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Rotary Radio Day

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Rotary Interact member Alex Kocot, left, takes a moment during a live-to-air interview with Interact president Puru Shah for the Rotary Radio Days event, which is estimated to raise close to \$2,000, at the school on Wednesday, May 11. The Rotary Club of Haliburton coordinated with Canoe FM holds the annual event to raise funds for the students' Global Awareness Program. Darren Lum Echo staff

Haliburton a potential 'cycling Mecca'

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The mayor of Ajax is encouraging Haliburton County to become a more bicycle-friendly destination.

Steve Parrish, who's been the mayor of Ajax since the mid-'90s, made a presentation to councillors on the county's roads committee at their May 11 meeting.

As he explained, he'd met local health promoter Sue Shikaze at a recent cycling summit in Washington, D.C.

Parrish, himself an avid cyclist, noted that his municipality owns some seven kilometres of public land along the shores of Lake Ontario and has 100 kilometres or so of cycling lanes.

"Cycling is going to become bigger and bigger," he said, noting that retiring baby boomers are a demographic who like to keep active. "I'm not like my grandfather was when he was 60 years of age."

Parrish and his wife had spent the afternoon before cycling through the county, particularly in the Horseshoe Lake and Ingoldsby areas.

They'd stayed at a local bed and breakfast and Parrish noted this as a fine example of how cycling can benefit the local economy.

"Your roads have to be such that they're welcoming to cyclists," he said. "You've got the raw materials to make you a real cycling Mecca."

Traffic speed and volume can be an issue of concern for cyclists, Parrish said, and added that it would benefit the county to have cycling lanes on the sides of its busier roads.

County roads 1, 21 and 121 are routes that would benefit by having cycling lanes installed along them, he said.

"They are the main branches of the tree."

The county has begun paving the shoulders of some of its major roadways when doing repair work and has also installed "share the road" signs, reminding motorists to watch out for, and be courteous to, cyclists.

Parrish said on some of the county's smaller, less travelled roads, there is no need for bike paths.

County roads superintendent Doug Ray wondered if putting white lines along roads like Horseshoe Lake Road, distinguishing

the driving lane from the shoulder, would be helpful.

Parrish said yes and that most cycling lanes he's seen are somewhere between 1.2 and 1.5 metres in width.

"What kind of education process did you go through?" asked County Warden Murray Fearrey, adding that on roads that do have paved shoulders, he's seen cyclists swerving in and out of the cycling lane.

"You educate them in every way you can," Parrish said, adding that such cyclists did not represent the majority. "They give all of us a bad name."

Like with most municipal business, the mayor realized cycling infrastructure improvements came down to financial issues.

"I'm a municipal politician too," he said. "It's always about money."

Parrish suggested the county incorporate cycling plan into its budget, year in and year out and said that by doing so, it would make itself more likely to receive funding from any number of sources.

"You will be at the top of the line to qualify for these additional funds," he said.

Price of gasoline another burden on department

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The province is supposed to provide 50 per cent funding and for 2011 the county will only be getting 47 cents on the dollar.

That value is calculated through a process removing capital and reserve contributions and adding back amortization. The committee passed a recommendation that the county ask MPP Rick Johnson to look into the issue.

Another problem for the department is the skyrocketing price of gasoline.

The county paid an average of 94 cents for a litre of gas last year and when Kennedy began putting his department's budget together in December, he said there was no way he could foresee the astronomical increase in prices 2011 would bring.

In the first four months of this year, the county paid an average of \$1.19 a litre.

Out-of-county transfers for the department are up for the year, with 132 in the first 90 days of 2011.

As a result, up-staffing – or calling off-duty paramedics into work – has happened 35 times.

Kennedy said some of the unbudgeted costs could be offset by reducing meal claim costs. There are also \$197,000 in reserves.

The department head also gave a general update.

While out-of-county transfers may be up, standbys by other services are down from traditional numbers.

"Think of . . . Haliburton County as an island," Kennedy said, adding the problem is getting increasingly worse.

However, as of late Muskoka has been helping the department when it's in need, with Kennedy calling the neighbouring municipality the county's new best friend.

The county has two ambulances stationed in Haliburton with one staffed 24 hours and day and one staffed 12 hours a day.

The 12-hour ambulance will be stationed at the Tory Hill standby base once it's completed.

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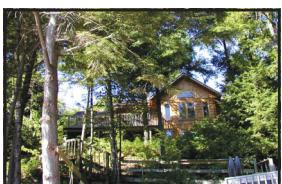


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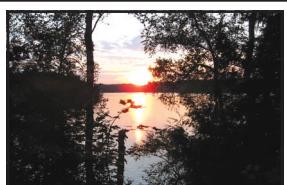
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Spring swings in the Highlands

The Highlands Wind Symphony perform songs from their Spring Concert, held on May 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

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Angelica Blenich Echo staff



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Economic development committee supports Hall's input

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Talk of how the county would go about engaging the public for the creation of a new master plan for the Haliburton County Rail Trail continued at a May 11 economic development committee.

At a committee meeting last month, councillors heard from community development planner Kate Hall, who had suggestions on methods through which the county could acquire stakeholder input as it attempts to find a viable solution for the controversial corridor.

Hall was to make a presentation regarding her community consultation plan to the committee last week, but that presentation was deferred until the June 8 committee meeting as Hall had another engagement.

Minden Hills Reeve and committee chairwoman Barb Reid questioned whether the committee should look at bringing in other people for input regarding the form of the community consultation.

"Why wouldn't we invite other submissions?" Reid asked.

She said she had an individual in mind.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the committee had already identified Hall and wondered if Reid would identify the individual she was thinking of.

Reid said she'd not had in-depth conversations with the individual and did not wish to make the name public.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson said if the committee was going to open the issue up to more submissions, it should follow the county's procurement policy and put out a formal request for submissions.

Reid said that may happen anyway if the issue gets deferred again.

"It's perhaps a bigger project than we thought," she said.

"I want to hear Kate's presentation in June," Moffatt said. "That's what this committee decided."

Moffatt questioned if this meant the committee would change its decisions each time an individual had to delay a delegation for whatever reason.

"I think that's a kind of inappropriate line of questioning," Reid responded.

Highland East Reeve Dave Burton agreed with Fearrey and Moffatt and wanted to stick with the committee's initial plan to hear from Hall.

"I think you've heard from your committee," Burton told Reid.

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Building permit numbers increase in Highlands East

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the May 10 meeting of Highlands East council.

The recent warm weather seems to have had an effect on those wanting to build in Highlands East as building officer Randy Dunsmore reported an increase in the number of building permits issued.

As of Jan. 1, 2011 the building department has issued 24 permits, compared to 16 at this time last year.

"I guess the nice weather is getting people thinking about building," said Dunsmore.

The total amount of construction value to date is \$1,590,116.

Fire chief looks at increasing minimum attendance

Fire chief Bill Wingrove is looking to amend the municipality's current honorarium structure in hopes it will better prepare volunteer firefighters.

Wingrove informed council he would be proposing a change to the minimum attendance requirement for volunteers from 30 per cent to 50 per cent at their next meeting in May. This would include fire calls and Monday night training, said Wingrove.

"We want everyone to come out on Monday nights," he said.

Wingrove believes the proposal would save the municipality money and, more importantly, result in an increase in training for the firefighters.

Repairs to Cardiff pool discussed

Before kids can take a dip in the swimming pool in Cardiff this year, environment and property supervisor Glen Covert would like to see council address some much needed repairs.

Covert reported a letter from engineer Richard Buelow who was contacted to address specific concerns with the pool, including uneven surfacing and the ceiling of the pool filter room.

"Underneath the deep end of the swimming pool is the filter room which has a concrete deck over it," said Covert. "It has multiple cracks in it and is deteriorating."

According to Covert, the north side of the swimming pool has caved in.

"So he [Buelow] has done a letter and has basically condemned it until the work is done," said Covert regarding repairs.

Covert instructed his department to suspend work on the pool until council decides what to do next.

He estimates the cost of the repairs would fall under \$25,000, which has already been budgeted for and approved, he said.

"My question to council is are we going to go ahead and fix it and if we are, are we going to look at entertaining requests to extend the concrete out?" asked Covert. "Or we just going to look at putting back what is there?"

The decision, said Covert, would affect the overall cost.

Ward 1 Councillor Steve Kauffeldt suggested slightly increasing the user fees for the pool this year to help offset repair costs.

Reeve Dave Burton suggested Covert request some drawings and cost estimates for completing the repairs, which council would review at their next meeting.

Buelow's letter also recommends council remove the diving board from the pool and not incorporate it in the new design.

Council agreed with the recommendation.

Recreation and culture committee formed

Following in line with the recent creation of various advisory committees the municipality has formed a recreation and culture committee to oversee associated facilities and services.

The committee will follow a similar structure to the other committees, which include economic development and business, trails, environment and green energy and affordable housing and grants.

Burton will act as chairperson of the committee and Kauffeldt as vice-chair. The committee will have between five and seven members.

The scope of the committee will include identifying policy and direction for all recreation and cultural facilities, developing a long-term vision for future development of facilities and encouraging expansion of existing and new activities.

The structure and mandate of the committee was established with the help of Judy Coward, economic development consultant for the rural community development branch of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Finn captures essence of Wild Water Preserve

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Attendees at the opening of Carole Finn's newest exhibition agreed that she has captured the essence of the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

An opening reception for the show, Wild Water Preserve Minden, was held at the Rails End Gallery on May 14.

The exhibit features large paintings of the world-class whitewater venue, located just off Horseshoe Lake Road outside of Minden on the Gull River.

"How many people have you talked to that say, 'I don't even know where that is?'" Finn said at the reception. "There is a hidden treasure in this resource."

For those who have been to the preserve, the paintings are an uncanny depiction.

"It comes from the inside out," she said. "You have to be able to feel the thing."

Each of the works is accompanied by a quotation by accomplished kayaker Victor Ettel, who often traverses the rapids at the preserve.

The exhibit also includes a dry stone bench – it uses no mortar – by Aaron Galbraith and video of the preserve from

Jeff Strano, a water sports therapist with Boatwerks along with a book in the back of the gallery, which shows the construction at the site that changed the waterway into the best competitive course in North America.

The gallery will make \$1500 for the sale of any one of the paintings.

The exhibits runs until June 19.



Artist Carole Finn shows attendees how she uses Photoshop to edit the photos she used as the basis for her paintings at the opening of her exhibit at the Rails End Gallery on May 14.

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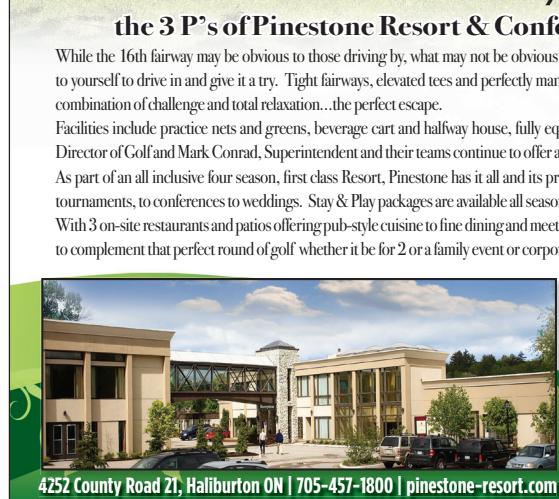
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Haliburton Forest open for science

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A new research project based here just might get us one step closer to a fuller understanding of how a particular forest can alleviate global warming.

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is playing host to University of Toronto graduate student Ting Zheng, who aims to measure the forest's ability to convert carbon.

Her work could allow for scientists to gather information on a forest via satellite.

Zheng's approach includes the use of a spectrometer to measure light energy absorbed by the leaves and a probe to capture images of the forest canopy in 360 degrees.

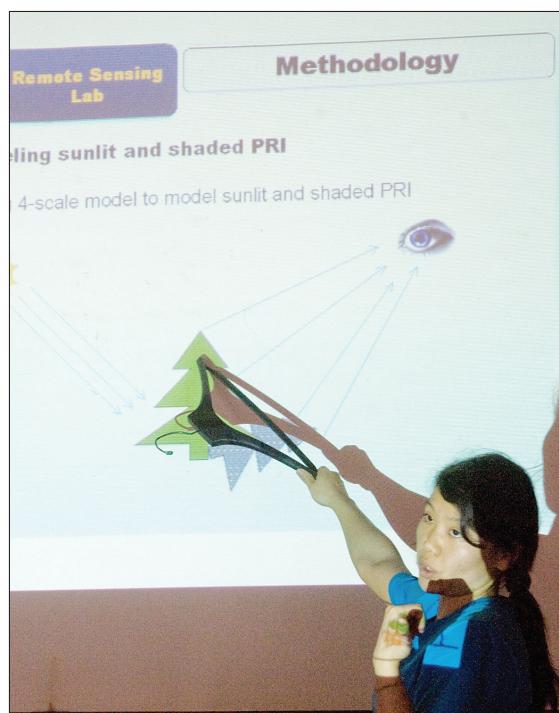
Her comprehensive presentation even included a method to deal with the varying degrees of sunlight and the difference between a leaf in sunlight and in the shade.

Her work will commence this summer.

She was just one of the 15 speakers, who were undergraduate, graduate and masters students, including professionals at the forest, that presented their findings and project plans at the 10th annual Haliburton Forest Celebration of Research on Friday, May 13.

There were 50 people who attended the daylong event that gives the public an opportunity to learn about ongoing and impending research projects based at the forest.

The research included the study of mammals, dead wood, global warming, forest management and locally driven projects such as the results from Dendroecology.



Ting Zheng of the University of Toronto gives a presentation on her research during the 10th annual Haliburton Forest's Celebration of Research on Friday, May 13.

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Elephant Lake Road collision heavy

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Now that spring is here, the county's EMS department and the OPP have their eyes on Elephant Lake Road.

The road, located in the northeast corner of the county, runs north from Harcourt before turning into Peterson Road and connecting to Maynooth in Hastings County.

For years, the winding roadway has been a popular spot for motorcyclists, who will travel hundreds of kilometres to challenge themselves on its curves.

"It's a unique road," said county EMS director Pat Kennedy, explaining the appeal.

Kennedy said his department will typically respond to six or seven motorcycle collisions each season along the stretch of road, although he said number was down a little in 2010.

"Last year was a bit quieter," he said.

Kennedy said motorcyclists will

compete with each other, posting the length of time it takes them to complete a certain section of the road on the Internet.

One website, gtamotorcycle.com, has a discussion board about Elephant Lake Road, where riders share stories and also update each on the conditions of the road.

"I was there about two weeks ago myself and thought the road was pretty good," one rider wrote in a conversation from the spring of 2009. "Then again, I was moving at a high rate of speed and didn't have time to look."

Constable Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment said the force is aware of the activities on Elephant Lake Road and performs patrols there.

"Public safety is paramount to the OPP in all areas of the province," Adams told the paper. "So, you will see the OPP patrolling that area of the county with a focus on safe operation of motorcycles."

Kennedy said there have been no fatal crashes.

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Local developer recognized for use of green technology

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A revolutionary heating and cooling system being implemented in the Silver Beach development in Haliburton is being recognized by Natural Resources Canada.

For the past few months, Silver Beach developer Gerry Kowalski has been travelling across the province explaining the benefits of a zoned heating and cooling system.

"Natural Resources came to me and said you're the main guy using these zone systems," said Kowalski. "So they asked me to prepare a presentation and deliver it during conferences across the province."

An example of sustainable technology, the system, said Kowalski, is relatively new to builders. Kowalski has been installing it into Silver Beach developments since 2008.

"The system is composed of zone hydronic heating," said Kowalski. "The whole house has three different duct runs to service each level of the home."

The set-up, he said, allows the homeowner to control different areas of the house with various temperature levels.

"I can completely control the temperature in the house for what area I'm in at certain times of the day, so it's very efficient for heating and very comfortable."

The system moves air through the house efficiently saving up to 30 per cent on electricity costs for cooling.

The system falls under the Local Energy Efficiency Program, an initiative of Natural Resources Canada.

Kowalski has been selected to demonstrate the benefits of the system to other builders, travelling to places such as Toronto, London and Sudbury.

All of the homes in Kowalski's development have been designed as zone ready.

Kowalski began construction on Silver Beach in 2008. To date 19 units have been built, with 40 more units to be completed.



Rotary chips in to community cooking initiative

Volunteers with the SIRCH community kitchen take a break from cooking to accept a \$3,000 donation from the Haliburton Rotary Club on May 12 at the Haliburton United Church, presented by club president Richard Van Nood.

The community kitchen initiative is held two Thursdays a month in the basement of the church where volunteers meet for a couple of hours to prepare meals for between 40 and 60 families. The food is distributed to different agencies throughout Haliburton County. The kitchen space is donated by the church. Meals that are typically prepared include macaroni and cheese and turkey stew.

From left, Diane Smith, Nancy Cotton, Ruth Fletcher, Jane Van Nood, Linda Heeps, Cathy McMillmurray and Richard Van Nood.

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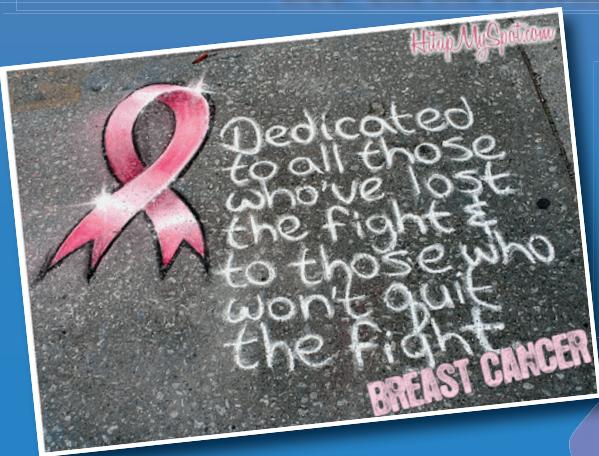
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A wheel good time at Fleming College

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

They come from all over to learn how to spin.

Offered at the Fleming College Haliburton campus, fibre spinners received the first of six levels of education and testing within the Ontario Spinners' Certificate Program this past week.

With only a few courses of its kind, the certification course gives students formal training and a comprehensive education in becoming the best they can be in an area of fibre art that they love.

The course gives students instruction about fleece preparation, twist and diameter, woollen spinning, wheel maintenance, colour blending and acid dye theory.

Student Barbara Afenanger made the trip from Germany, where there is no such program, after learning about it from a friend.

She has every intention of taking what she learns to start her own certification program opportunity for German residents.

Afenanger is the president of a German-based spinning organization, Handspinnengilde.

From the newest designs to the tried and true, there was a variety of spinning wheels, some with big, some with small, symmetrical and asymmetrical.

Each of them is a variety of things to each of the 26 registered participants, but regard-

less of the value or the type, everyone in the class had a smile for the experience and each other.

Seeing the faces in the semi-circle of students exists a wide array of people from young women, mothers to grandmothers, men and retirees.

The one thing that binds the Canadians, who come from Vancouver, Nova Scotia and all over Ontario, Americans and one German is a passion and a dedication to spinning.

This certification course is completed over six years and includes several months of homework in between the years of study. Students must complete assigned work and mail it or drop it off to instructors.

The level of workmanship and commitment necessary for completion is similar to any other pursuit in professional standing accreditation.

Led by local resident Wendy Bateman, the program includes instructors Barbara Aikman, Louise Jackson, Julia Lee, Harriet Boon and Karen Richens.

There was 49 hours of instruction that included assignments for the students to take what they learned and put it into practice, whether for personal use or for enterprising motives.

Minden resident Deb Everitt, who owns and operates Highland Croft Fibre Art, wants to apply what she learns to the work that she hopes to sell.

While her peer, sitting beside her, just



Darren Lum Echo staff

Bridget Misener puts what she just learned into practice during the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Certificate Program Level 1 course offered at the Fleming College Haliburton campus on May 12. The course, which is 49 hours in total, is divided into six levels.

enjoys the break from the analytical thinking of her day job, working as an environmental manager with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Deborah Brooker appreciates the opportunity to be creative and how it affords her a new perspective.

Brooker, who was first amazed at the

variety of courses for every imaginable person in the college brochure, has taken three different courses the past three years at the Haliburton campus.

The course started on May 7 and ended on May 15.



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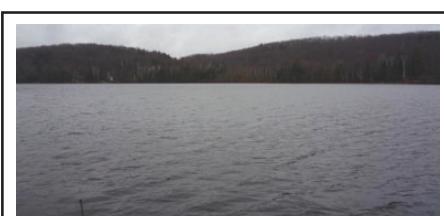
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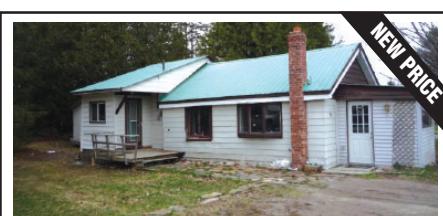
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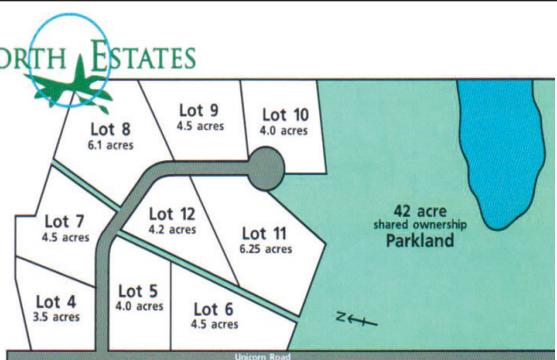


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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea



Walleye marks beginning of open-water fishing season

The third Saturday in May marks the opening of the walleye season in our local waters. For many anglers, this is where the open-water fishing season truly begins.

In Haliburton County, several lakes have excellent walleye populations, thanks in no small part to stocking efforts by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association volunteers and the Ministry of Natural Resources staff.

And while we've got some fine fishing opportunities, the trick, as always, is catching them.

The best advice I was ever given reminded me that walleye are light sensitive. The brighter it is, the deeper they'll generally go to escape the sun's penetrating rays. On bright and calm days in clear water, expect to find them on bottom or taking shelter in weed beds or deeper in shady locations. A chop on the water, rain, or clouds will allow less light into the water column, which often means that they are more active throughout. Darkness or the dimming of light after the sun goes down, however, is when they really put on the feedbag.

In early spring, in walleye lakes, look for them where the shoreline descends into

deeper water, especially at inside and outside turns. Mid-lake shoals and sunken islands (underwater humps) are also good places to start, so too are where streams or rivers enter into lakes. If these places have rock-strewn bottoms, so much the better.

When the season opens, concentrate on fishing depths of less than 15 feet – these fish have just spawned and are looking to replenish all that lost energy, so they're going where the food is, which is also where the warmer water is.

Once you catch a fish, work the area for a while – walleye are schooling fish and if you find one, others are sure to be close by. Many anglers drop marker floats or use a GPS to mark catch locations. Then, they'll either anchor, drift over the area repeatedly or troll through it until the bite dies down. The method you choose depends on the wind, water conditions, and the techniques you have most confidence in.

One classic method is jigging off bottom with minnows, worms, artificial twister tails or bucktail lures. Trolling is another great way to search for walleye. When doing this, I prefer to use worm harness spinners or jointed plugs but many anglers swear by live bait on slip sinker rigs, like the one



made famous by Lindy. Slip bobbers and worms or minnows, however, can also be very deadly.

In almost every case, the idea is to present the lure or bait very close to bottom – that's where walleye generally are. Having said that, if they are active and feeding aggressively, you might find them at almost every level of the water column. So, if the tried and true isn't working, go to plan B.

While walleye are not our most exciting fish in terms of fighting ability, few others can rival their delicious flavour. And this

Walleye are considered a challenging fish to catch, however they make up for it with their delicious flavour. The beginning of walleye season means the start of open-water fishing for many anglers.

Photo by Steve Galea

is what had made them a favourite among anglers, especially in the spring.

More than that, they're a challenging fish to consistently catch in our waters and can grow to respectable sizes. Just remember that you're only allowed to keep one greater than 46 centimetres (18.1 inches) in size. The idea is to allow the best breeders to live to spawn another day.

Walleye fishing is arguably one of the true rites of spring. This Saturday it starts again.

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It's not about right or wrong

Recent health care presentation delves into the ethical issues

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The prevailing theme at a recent presentation for health-care staff was there are no absolutes when it comes to ethics.

Health-care facilities regularly face a barrage of ethical issues such as patients' freedom of choice versus health-care providers' advice.

Facilitated by the HHHS ethics committee, the lunch hour presentation titled Contemporary Hospital Ethical Issues was open to all staff members and held in the

Haliburton hospital boardroom on Friday, May 13.

"The rotten thing about ethics is it's not just a simple matter of knowing the right thing to do. It's sometimes determining which is the least worst thing to do. The least worst is the right thing," special guest speaker Blair Henry, bioethicist of Sunnybrook Hospital said.

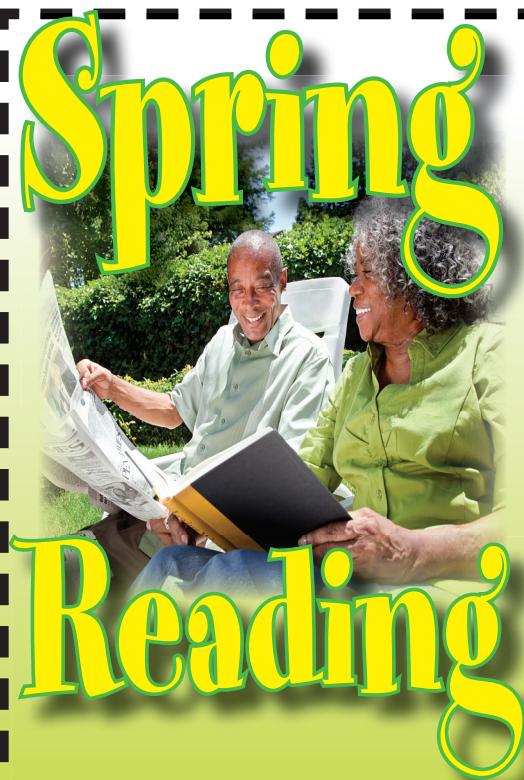
For an ethical decision, the approach requires a framework that includes steps such as ideas, identification of the facts, determination of the ethical issues, exploring the options and acting.

Although Sunnybrook Hospital might have 10,000 staff members and 1,200 beds, dwarfing the health-care facilities in the Highlands, the same approach to ethical decisions still apply here, he said.



Sunnybrook Hospital bioethicist, Blair Henry, speaks to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) staff members for a presentation about contemporary hospital ethical issues at the Haliburton location on Friday, May 13. The event was facilitated by the HHHS ethics committee.

Darren Lum Echo staff



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Dysart reeve squashes 'ugly' rumours

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Before the council meeting even began on May 9, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey wanted to put to rest some rumours that he said had been circulating through town.

"I'm a little frustrated," he said. "You know when you get elected on council you expect criticism, that's the nature of the beast. But it annoys me when people start rumours."

There were two rumours circulating that Fearrey believed needed to be addressed, the first regarding the proposed Tim Hortons restaurant.

"People are saying that council has kiboshed the Tim Hortons coming to Dysart, which is totally wrong," he said.

According to Fearrey, the reason Tim Hortons did not proceed with its original location was due to ground conditions and the cost to rent the building.

"They do have an offer on another property that will be coming forward shortly," said Fearrey.

The other rumour Fearrey addressed was in regards to council disallowing ATVs from using snowmobile trails.

"So let's get this straight. First of all we don't control the snowmobile trails. Most of the snowmobile trails in Dysart are on private land."

Fearrey explained that agreements to permit ATVs on snowmobile trails that fell on private lands were to be made with the landowner.

"We're allowing them on all the roads and certainly wherever there's public trails," he said.

Fearrey wanted to inform members of council these rumours were untrue.



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Amy Brohm from the Haliburton tourism office says the "Victoria Day weekend is the start of a busy cottage season. This is when people begin their spring cleaning and gardening."

Visitors of the county are always looking for new activities or destinations, mostly to do with the outdoors. "We offer people who come to Haliburton County outdoor activities like boating, hiking, cycling and exploring Haliburton Forest," she says.

Haliburton Forest's wolf centre opens up for Victoria Day. Watch wolves in their natural habitat or try one of the many other activities the centre has to offer such as

a treetop canopy adventure, mountain biking or fishing. The centre is located about 40 minutes outside of Haliburton by Kennisis Lake.

Scenic locales are everywhere in Haliburton County. Visiting Ritchie Falls in Lochlin or the Wild Water Preserve in Minden show the unique beauty this county has to offer.

Travelling up the massive Dorset tower or peering over the edge of Skyline Park gives visitors the opportunity to capture amazing photographs.

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- Jade Fisher, Co-op student

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A summer of art

The county's two major galleries are getting ready for summer in the Highlands with public events and artists' shows.

The **Agnes Jamieson Gallery** in Minden is starting the season with *Foundlings*, a show by Michele Karch-Ackerman that highlights the experience of pregnant women relegated to Catholic institutions in the 1920s through '60s.

Karch-Ackerman's grandmother was sent to such a place in Montreal called Misericordia, where she was given a new name and forced to live with a veil over her face. The initials of her old name were cut out of handkerchiefs.

"This exhibition honours the secret lives of unwed mothers who fled to institutions like Misericordia," the gallery's description reads. The opening reception will be held Thursday, May 19 at 2 p.m. and includes a tea. The show runs until June 25.

Immediately following *Foundlings*, the gallery is showing *The Teapot Inquiry* by local artist Rose Pearson. From June 29 to Aug. 27, viewers can contemplate the meaning of inanimate objects in our lives.

For a whole year, Pearson recorded her daily experiences with one item in her home: a child's silver teapot. She sketched it, photographed it and journaled about it. The results is a study of how the inanimate becomes animate in the hands of a human. Final paintings from the year are acrylic and oil and mixed media collages.

"Within these works, bridges are made between the inanimate and animate. A dialogue is formed from the personal world to the impersonal. The intensity of these paintings force the viewer to focus on the appointed object while absorbing the information placed around it," the show's description reads. The opening reception for *The Teapot Inquiry* is Thursday, June 30 at 4 p.m. at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

In Haliburton, the **Rails End Gallery** is offering two big summer sales, regular concerts and artist shows.

Treasures 'N' Trash at Head Lake Park will be Saturday, June 18. This giant community yard sale has everything from furniture to toys and this year the gallery has acquired material from Toronto's textile



museum. There are hot dogs to eat all day and a tart contest open to anyone who likes to bake. The tarts will be raffled off with proceeds going to the gallery.

The Rails End is also holding its annual Art and Craft Festival July 22 to 24 at Head Lake Park.

This event will have a wide range of art to buy, plus buskers, kids' activities and an ice cream truck. Admission is \$2 for the whole weekend. "It's part of Haliburton - a signature event for the county," the gallery's executive director Laurie Jones says. Last year, 7,000 people attended the festival.

On top of the two major public events, the Rails End is also hosting Carole Finn's show: *Wild Water Preserve* Minden running until June 19. The multimedia event brings together video, installation work and paintings centred around the river just outside of Minden.

Gallery members are also showing work all summer. Go to www.railsendgallery.com for more information.

In addition, the gallery hosts a concert series, which

Carole Finn's latest show, *Wild Water Preserve* Minden, is showing at the Rails End Gallery until June 19. This work is acrylic on canvas and is titled *The First Drop*. Image courtesy of Rails End Gallery

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Heaven only knows

Awkward Moments column by Steve Galea • Photos by Jenn Watt

Anyone who has ever followed this Awkward Moments column knows that Chad Ingram has always been... well, let's just say the odd one. I mean, what other investigative journalist would wear a Canada goose decoy for a hat and expect to be taken seriously? Especially when everyone else on the expedition was wearing a turkey decoy, as is appropriate after Labour Day.

"He sure is an odd duck," I whispered to our guide Paul Heaven, as I adjusted my turkey hen hat, the brown rubber feathers of which offset my eyes.

"Goose," Heaven corrected, from beneath the turkey decoy whose overstretched rubber vent he had stuffed his head into. "He's a silly goose."

Right away, Heaven's degree in biology had paid off.

As strange as this might sound, however, Ingram's ridiculous fashion sense wasn't what put us off – no, it was the fact that he insisted on waddling and honking as he made his way down the trail. This, even though strutting, yelping and gobbling was clearly the way to go.

But perhaps I should explain. We were in the Dahl Forest at the invitation of Heaven to learn about the area's biodiversity.

It had not been an easy assignment thus far. When I suggested that we wear decoys on our heads in order to "fit in" with the local flora and fauna, Heaven had, in fact, seemed a bit hesitant.



Chad Ingram, Paul Heaven and Steve Galea try to fit in with wildlife by sporting unique head gear in the Dahl Forest.

"No! I won't do it!" I believe were his exact words. "I don't care how much this free publicity helps the cause, I won't do it."

"Ah, come on," I said. "We promise we won't write about it or take a single photo."

"Promise?" he repeated.

"Sure," I said, as I handed him the

decoy.

"You're positive?" he relented.

"Oh yeah," Ingram and I muttered.

Sadly for Heaven, intelligent writing and snapping good photos of biodiversity takes a whole lot more effort than crossing your fingers.

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What is the past tense of skinks?

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In any case, we found ourselves following Heaven as he did a passable imitation of a young gobbler meandering through a pine plantation. But when he began turning over old rotten logs, even Ingram was nervous.

"I think that turkey hat is on too tight," he whispered.

"I'm looking for five-lined skinks," Heaven snapped.

"Paul, I think it's time to loosen that hat," I said calmly, to no avail.

He was actually looking for skinks.

"The skinks were here," Heaven declared.

"If we're referring to them in the past, wouldn't we call them skunks?" Ingram asked.

It took several field guides and no small amount of explaining, but eventually we were convinced.

Next on Heaven's list of animals that live under heavy, immovable objects was the eastern hog-nosed snake.

Ingram and I watched intently as he began turning over rocks in hopes of finding one.

"This biodiversity research looks like a lot of hard work," I said, from my reclined position on the soft moss.

"It sure does," Ingram replied. "I'd rather be playing with those big brown marbles over there."

And so it was that he and I enjoyed a friendly game of marbles on the forest floor right beside the moose tracks.

"I wonder how big a rock he'd have to overturn to find a moose?" Chad mused between shots.

It seemed like a valid question to me.

"Moose don't hide under rocks," Heaven said.

"Apparently, neither do skinks or snakes," I added.

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Paul Heaven, left, Chad Ingram and Steve Galea play a special kind of marbles in the Dahl Forest

"You do know you're playing marbles with moose poop, right? Heaven announced.

We nodded and giggled.

"Looks like fun," he said. "You won't write about this will you?"

"Nah," we assured him.

And, with that, he joined in.

While marbles with moose turds is certainly different, for real biodiversity you should consider taking part in the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's International

Biodiversity Day event on May 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dahl Forest.

At this special place where the Dahl family planted over 100,000 trees, wildlife biologist Paul Heaven will lead a hike in recognition of Year of the Forests. He'll introduce participants to Species at Risk and explain biodiversity along with the HHLT objectives for the 500-acre property. And he won't even ask you to wear a decoy on your head.

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Get your feet wet at Snowdon Park

Happy Trails column and photos by Jenn Watt

This is the first in a four-part series on the trails of Haliburton County. They will run in the Cottage Times for each of the long weekends.

There is no avoiding it – if you go for a hike in Snowdon Park you're going to get your feet wet.

But it's a small sacrifice for the two-hour wetland hike.

The park, maintained by Minden Hills, is a 450-acre piece of land accessible from Gelert Road (County Road 1) just south of South Lake Road near Minden.

Surrounded by marsh, the trails take hikers through the forest, over a beaver dam, past an abandoned 1973 Lincoln and up to a deteriorating old-time bridge before looping back.

There are two portions of the trail – close to the parking lot is the Brenda Ann Chambers trail, named after the late Carnarvon-based author and naturalist, and the second portion does a loop of the old Minto property, accessed by crossing a beaver dam.

Trilliums are coming into bloom at Snowdon Park and there are signs of moose using the pathways on the Minto portion of the trail.

It is possible to keep your feet dry in the first portion, depending on the season, with some careful foot placement and proper shoes, but that trail takes only 20 minutes to complete at a brisk pace.

To get a longer walk, and to see more plants and animals, the Minto loop is worth the soakers.



A wheelchair accessible lookout point at the beaver dam in Snowdon Park.

"If you're wearing your dancing slippers or something you're going to get your feet wet, but if you're wearing short rubber boots you won't," Don Smith, member of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, says.

An avid birder, Smith says warblers, sparrows, hawks and ducks are all commonplace in the park.

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Signs of bear, moose and songbirds along trails

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The park came to be through a relationship between the HHFN and Minden Hills.

In 1993, after being approached by the HHFN about turning the property into an outdoor education initiative, the park was born with both parties participating in its maintenance and growth.

In 2005, Minden Hills purchased adjoining property owned by the Minto family, taking it from 110 acres to 450.

Today, Minden Hills continues the park's upkeep and community services director Rick Cox says the municipality plans to install a bridge over the beaver dam connecting the two loops this summer.

Equipped with a portable washroom and a wheelchair-accessible lookout point (with easily the most beautiful view on the whole trail), Snowdon Park is one of the more advanced trails in the county.

The Brenda Ann Chambers trail has been well marked with bright, colourful signage and there are printed maps at the information kiosk by the parking lot.

There's also a comment sheet, which sheds some light on common trail experiences.

"Spotted one set of bear tracks on Wetland Trail," one writes.

"We heard ducks on a nest while walking on the Brenda Chambers Trail," writes another.

Many comments from last May note black flies and mosquitoes as a nuisance, but the authors don't seem overly bothered.

"Also saw beaver, green frog and grey tree frog," one writes. There are also a few complaints about downed trees not cleared and one commenter says he or she got turned around while trying to get around the trees.

There were several trees down in early May of this year, which does put the onus on the hiker to be aware of her surroundings and watch carefully for the tree tags, which mark the trails – especially on the Minto portion of the park.

Snowdon Park offers some picturesque marshland and quiet, soft trails through sometimes thick forest.



An old bridge signals the top of the Minto property loop on the wetland trail.

The terrain is definitely wet and requires good balance at times to get around obstructions and pools of water. It is flat, however, which is a feature not often found in the county (save for the Rail Trail), which can be a positive.

While there is a small wheelchair accessible section leading up to the viewpoint, the rest of the trail is not as accommodating.

For those willing to get their feet wet at Snowdon

Park, be sure to bring extra shoes and socks and bug repellent or netted clothing. There is lots to see, so a camera or binoculars would also come in handy.

Snowdon Park is just south of the intersection of South Lake Road on County Road 1 (Gelert Road). It's on the west side of the road. Users are asked to stay on the trails to minimize damage to the forest, take garbage home with you and leave treasures behind. Day use only.



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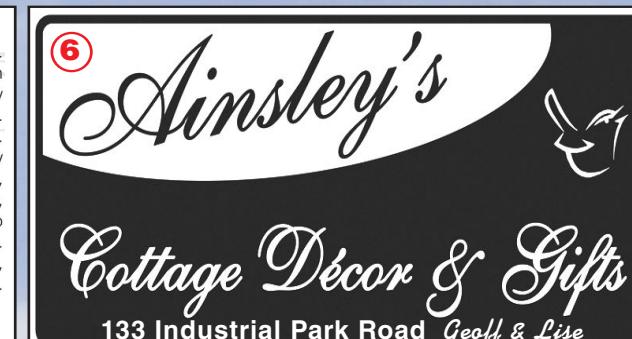
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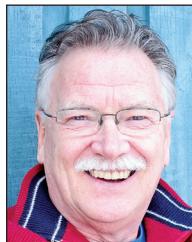
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On the road: a way of life for newcomer

Haliburton County consists mainly of permanent residents and cottagers, but there are those among us whose jobs can dictate that they become temporary threads in our cultural tapestry. Such a person is Michel Therrien, because Therrien is a chef, and chefs can move around a lot.

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Michel Therrien can be seen around town with his very large Doberman Pinscher.

From Quebec, Therrien, who still spoke only French, began his life on the road. He quickly learned English on his travels.

"I was working on contracts all over Canada creating menus and training chefs and cooks, and I've been doing the same thing basically all my life. The contracts last anywhere from six months to two years, on average."

Therrien has worked in such prestigious places as the Empress Hotel in Victoria, and the Rock Island Bistro in Halifax, among many others. He also he opened the \$37-million North Haven Resort, north of Winnipeg.

Moving around as much as he has can be tough on anybody, but for Therrien it's a way of life. "I've been very busy but I keep in touch with my family who have tons of kids on both sides." In fact Therrien had just moved from Halifax to spend some time with his mother and sister in Kingston, Ont., when he got a call from

Shawn Chamberlin, the owner of the Dominion Hotel and the Grill on the Gull restaurant in Minden. "It was time for a change. We needed to shake things up a bit," said Chamberlin.

"Shawn had seen my resume on the Internet," Therrien says, "so he came to Kingston to see me in April of this year, and after we talked I came to Minden, sight unseen. I had been to the Muskokas before so I knew the area a bit. I like it here. It's quiet and it represents a change; and change is good."

"My biggest challenge is to find the proper staff that I can train in a new style of cooking," he says. "My style is craziness; a lot of games. I do many different sauces with meats you don't see on too many menus; like moose, caribou and elk. I'm also a pastry chef, and right now I'm at 130 different cheese cake mousse desserts. I do puff pastries, wedding cakes and chocolate sculptures, and all kinds of different things. I do it all, but I prefer fine dining."

The new menus for the Dominion Hotel and the Grill on the Gull are now set. The Dominion will feature dishes such as chowders and beef bourguignon. "My steaks are done differently," Therrien says, "and I do a caesar dressing, which is wine-based." There will also be different desserts," he says. There's certainly a variety from which to choose on the Dominion's new menu.

"We've already done two special events, three course dinners with wine tasting at the Grill on the Gull," Therrien says, "and they went very well."

The special event meals featured lamb shanks with pasta putanesca and an Alaskan dinner with rice provençal and raspberry coulis.

"People loved the warm salad with a hot maple syrup dressing," says Therrien, "and it was great to see them drinking the dressing with spoons."

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Therrien always looking for a good challenge

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Therrien is not alone on his travels, and people in Minden have shaken their heads at the eccentric looking newcomer with distinctive eyewear who has been seen walking around town with a very large Doberman Pinscher.

"Her name is Zoe, and she travels with me everywhere," says Michel Therrien. "I like walking and we're both looking forward to spending time outdoors." Therrien admits he's still getting used to the community, and there won't be a great deal of time for walking the dog.

"Since I've been here I've been very busy. I'm always on the go, 15 or 16 hours a day, but on my days off I'll be relaxing in this great environment. Maybe I'll find time to work with some organization that raises money for charities like food banks," he says wistfully.

In the meantime it's work, work, work. "I'll be visible in the open kitchen at the Grill on the Gull," says Therrien, "and I always come and talk to my customers to ask them about their meals. People love that."

Michel Therrien's philosophy is, not surprisingly work-based. "I like to challenge myself and keep improving. I'm already good, but I strive to be better."

Is there an end in sight to his travels? "Ultimately one day I might like to settle down and open my own restaur-

rant," he says. But in the meantime, "tell the people to come on down to the Dominion and the Grill on the Gull to try the food and ask for me."

Who knows? Maybe Michel Therrien will decide to settle in the Highlands and become a permanent resident for the first time in his life. We'd all be thankful for it.

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Somewhere among the submerged rocks in the lake outside of my office, I suspect a crayfish still hunts the shallows.

My little girl and I have seen it on occasion and we look for it whenever we peer down into the water.

It's a little thing, but it says so much about the different world at our feet.

From the edge of that shore, we've watched loons, buffleheads, goldeneyes, wood ducks, mallards, geese and mergansers; we've seen mink weave through the cedars, watched caddis flies hatch and water boatmen skate.

We've sat quietly as kingfishers took

perch on overhanging limbs and grouse preened quietly in the cedars.

We've stood awestruck and silent while sunsets basked the landscape and the song of the wind swept sweetly across the endless waves.

Through ice and blue water, a shoreline remains a wondrous, even miraculous, place.

They are where two worlds collide, sometimes gently with the lapping of waves, sometimes violently with defeat whitecaps or the grating of ice.

They are defined not just by the water's reach but also by the life that embraces them. If a lake or river is a jewel, the



Shorelines are wondrous, even miraculous, places where all sorts of creatures go to find food and refuge.

shoreline is the artful setting upon which it is laid.

Within a few weeks, smallmouth bass will take their stations among the sand, rocks and gravel in the shallows in front

of my place.

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hatch, dragonflies will hunt, ducklings will bob and skitter past – all this drama within reach of shore.

As the waters warm, life will return and aquatic plants will rise, once again, to the surface, engendering even more life.

A canoe paddle along any shoreline provides a subtle lesson in what is important.

Look closely enough and you'll see the browse lines that generations of deer have trimmed as neatly as if they stood there with a chalk line and hedge clippers. Slip into the back bays and you might be rewarded with a glimpse of a beaver taking to water or turtles sunning themselves on logs.

Along the sheer stone faces, you might see ravens nesting or turkey vultures circling high above.

And when fishing season finally arrives in earnest, there is simply no better place to wet a line.

A shoreline is where hungry fish gather when the light is low or the wind is high.

For everything that is important to them, and us, is contained within.

A simple paddle like this should be all it takes to convince even the most urban-minded person that these places are not just important or scenic, but critical.

They are, after all, the gateway between our world and the one just a stone's throw beyond. We'd do well to be the gatekeepers.



Tiny blooms

A trout lily blooms on the forest floor in the early days of May. Why not go for a hike this long weekend? Photo by Jenn Watt

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More than moose the eye, don'tcha know

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Did you ever want to be some place so badly, that before you knew it, you were out of your jammies, in your khakis, and half way down the road in your truck? Well, that's what happened to ol' Maybelle just yesterday. And the place I was heart set on being was Algonquin National Park. MOOSE country, don'tcha know.

Now I'm pretty sure it was speaking with my dear friend, Clarisse, on Skippy, uh, SKYPE, the night before that did it. Why she told me she was about to head off to Sedona, Arizona, that magical high desert 4,500 feet up where red rock mountains are shaped like their names: Coffeepot, Cathedral and Thunder, don'tcha know.

Ol' Maybelle's been there before so I was happy for

her. And that feeling must have stayed with me, 'cause I woke up the next morning wanting to be in a place that would take MY breath away, too. And it wasn't in my backyard watching Beanpole Starkman crash his Tiger Moth biplane into my deer feeder again!

It was in my other backyard, Algonquin Park, just 25 minutes from Lake Whaddyathinkimean.

Sure, it's pretty right here with Lake W's lakes and pine trees. But, there's something extra special about Ontario's oldest national park ... and for ol' Maybelle, one of those things is MOOSE.

Now I don't know about you, but I used to love watching Bullwinkle the moose on the old animated television series, Rocky and his Friends, back in the early '60s. Why all my nieces and nephews would curl up around me, and oh how we'd laugh watching the moose-and-squirrel duo share a house in Frostbite Falls, Minnesota where Bullwinkle got an Honorary Mooster's Degree

from Wossamotta U. That kinda made me partial to real moose, don'tcha know. But I was never so awestruck as I was t'other day when yours truly met a 600-pound Bullwinkle for the first time!

Why there he was, drinking from a stream right along side of the road. And his gal-pal was watching from behind a tree powdering her nose, don'tcha know. You shoulda seen the shnoz on them. Woulda made Jimmy Durante look Irish!

And the size of their heads. Wowwwww!

I aimed my camera and moved as slow as a turtle ... closer ... closer. Why he didn't even flinch. Instead, he lifted his big ol' head and stared straight at me.

What a HAM! It was like I was paparazzi and he was Prince Bullwilliam. Good thing I left Bogart at home. He would have wanted to bond with his forest cousin. But I think it would have freaked ol' Bullwinkle out to hear a bear talking to him, don'tcha know ... especially since Bogart's been watching George Carlin on YouTube and knows all his routines.

It was hard for me to say goodbye, but my tummy was grumbling so I drove to the visitors' centre and gummed down some delish minestrone soup and an egg salad sandwich from the cafeteria. Then, super satisfied, I walked outside onto the lookout.

And that's when it happened.

Ol' Maybelle had her breath taken away, right then and there. Why, lookin' out at that great expanse of trees and sky, wild and majestic, pristine and wonder-full, I felt inspired. I wasn't Maybelle Morton anymore. I was Tom Thompson, Emily Carr and every one of the Group of Seven who took brush to canvas and painted our Canadian landscape into our minds and hearts. I didn't even have to click my heels and say: There's no place like home. Ol' Maybelle knew that all along.

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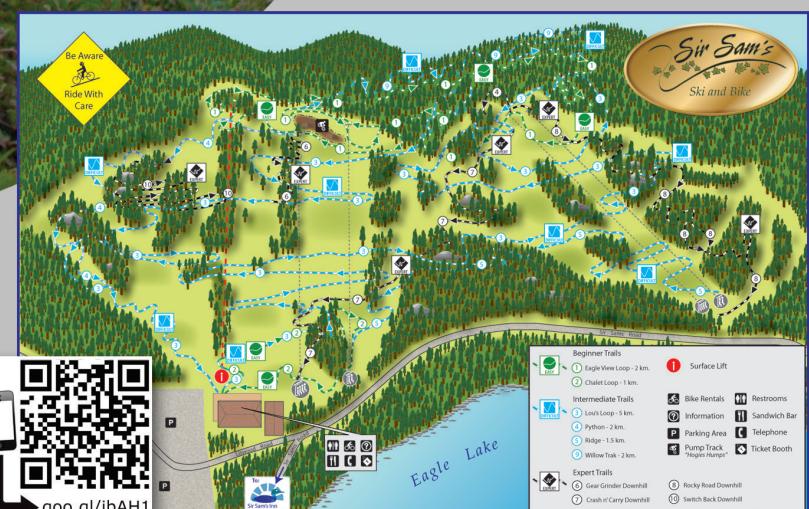


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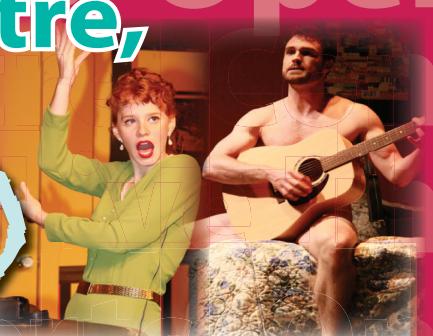
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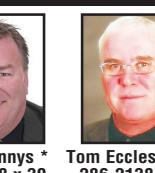
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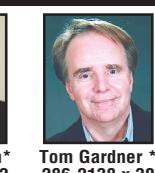
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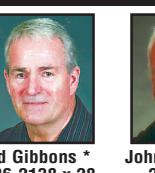
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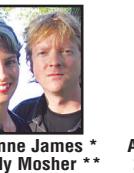
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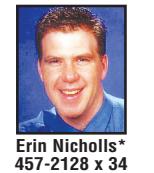
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Sports

More to rugby than just winning

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

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But it is far more than that with an impact that extends beyond the pitch.

The sport provides an experience for athletes to learn about fair play, doing their best, fulfilling their potential and respecting their opponent, win or lose.

When the visiting Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins shut out the Red Hawks' varsity rugby team, the home side proved this sentiment to be true Friday, May 13.

Despite the lopsided score, the Red Hawks showed why players and coaches love the sport.

The Red Hawks coaching staff is impressed by the composure and the dedication the team exhibited in the loss and the entire season, including the Red Hot High School Rugby Tournament at Trent University in Peterborough on May 5.

Coach Chris Simpson pointed to a spe-

cific act of sportsmanship that epitomizes the team of junior and senior aged players, who were not just lacking experience, but were undersized by at least 300 pounds in the scrum.

He said it brought a smile to his face when Red Hawks player Chris Allison applied an illegal high tackle and subsequently apologized and then shook the hand of the opposing Griffins player (when the play ended).

"That's better than a win," he said, adding it is this kind of behaviour that is invaluable for not just great athletes, but for great citizens.

Led by captains and co-captains, Chris Allison, Dylan Graham, Greg Baumgartner and Matt Vieira, the team came close to punching a try for the first score allowed by Griffins in the season.

Combined efforts by Graham and Baumgartner were not able to break through the Griffins' wall of defense.

The team hosts the Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute Rams for their final game of the season on Tuesday, May 17.



Top right, Red Hawks varsity rugby team captain Greg Baumgartner struggles to keep the ball against a pack of Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School players on Friday, May 13. Above, Red Hawks back Matt Vieira looks for space in the final minutes. Haliburton was shut out and outpaced by several tries in the game. Photos by Darren Lum

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Staff reporter

Even with everything not going their way the Red Hawks senior boys' doubles badminton team have a lot to be proud of after playing at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSSA) Championship held in Aurora from Thursday, May 12 to Saturday, May 14.

It was the first OFSSA berth for Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul, who qualified as the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic champions, going undefeated against regional opponents on their road to the all-provincials.

At the all-provincials they started well and managed to win two games through their first two matches, but failed to win either match on the first day.

Despite the opening loss, which was lost by a difference of four points in each game, their coach Bob Schmidt believed they

played well and looked strong enough to finish in the top half of the 35-team field of competitors.

"In their first match they played really well. I was pleased with how they played. They played a solid team. I thought they belonged there," he said.

He told them: "You guys played a pretty good team and you didn't beat them, but you belong here."

On the second day the team was unsuccessful in their bid to advance in the C flight.

Both players are graduating and will attend post-secondary education this coming autumn.

This was a strong year for the entire badminton program that included a resounding team win by the juniors at COSSA and the doubles' domination and OFSSA berth.



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Darren Lum
Staff reporter

In what is regarded as one of the toughest sports on the pitch, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity rugby team is embodying the kind of mettle championship teams dream of.

The team proved they had immeasurable heart after a respectable performance against the top team in the province in the 18th annual Red Hot High School Rugby Tournament at Trent University in Peterborough on May 5.

Spokesperson and coach Chris Simpson spoke to the Echo about his team.

With the odds stacked against them when they played the province's top-ranked Stouffville District Secondary School, the Red Hawks impressed spectators and coaches alike at the tournament.

"We held our own," he said. "We kept the No. 1 ranked team in the province and held them to 20 points. It showed a lot of character."

Haliburton, which has close to half of the team in Grade 9 or 10, played three games at the tournament.

"We didn't win any games, but we sure learned a whole lot from the experience. The boys held their own and had a good time," Simpson said, adding all the teams they played were senior teams and much

more experienced from larger schools.

The team's performance caught the eye of a coach with the under-18 Ontario rugby team while playing at the eight-day tournament. The tournament is held in three venues in the province and includes midget, juniors and senior aged players from 100 school teams.

There several Red Hawks players, who are all the junior-aged players, considering attending the provincial tryout in Curtis, Ontario on June 19.

Simpson said the experience should be rewarding for them.

"It's nice to see that it is our junior players," he said.

Since there were not enough players for two teams, the school could only field a varsity team with the mix of junior and senior aged players.

The team has 23 players on the roster.

Just a couple days before the Red Hawks managed a tie in Kawartha League play against the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans 5-5 in Lindsay during cold and wet conditions on Tuesday, May 3.

Coached by a collective approach, the team's coaching staff includes Ryan Rawlins and Louis McIntyre, who bring their own set of skills and expertise.

The team hosts the Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute Rams for their final game of the season on Tuesday, May 17.



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Tough week for Red Hawks teams

The following sports briefs were submitted by Judi Paul's HHSS class.

Monday, May 9

The junior girls' soccer team was defeated by a score of 3-2 by LCVI. Goals for Haliburton from Casey Pringle and Maia O'Sullivan.



Tuesday, May 10

The Haliburton rugby boys fell just short in a loss to Brock. Special mention to Chris Allison who broke six tackles and took the ball 60 yards to the house.



Wednesday, May 11

The senior girls' soccer team tied Fenelon Falls 3-3 with goals from Casey Pringle, Lindsey Pogue, and Ashley Proctor. In a second match against St. Thomas, great goaltending from Jenny Woolacott kept the girls in the game which ended in a 1-1 tie.

Red Hawks junior player Shaylynn Hutchings jostles for a loose ball during a home game against the Brock High School Bulldogs on Thursday, May 12. Haliburton won 2-0 and received scoring from Kayla Gardiner and Maia O'Sullivan. **Darren Lum** Echo staff

Thursday, May 12

The junior girls' soccer team defeated Brock by a score of 2-0 with goals from Kayla Gardiner and Maia O'Sullivan. Shutout by Kirsty Cook.

The senior girls' soccer team lost against Brock by a score of 4-2.

The track team returned from the Kawartha championships with 18 first-place ribbons and 34 athletes qualify

ing for COSSA.
Special mention to Tom Paul and Charlene Hicks who both came first in three events.

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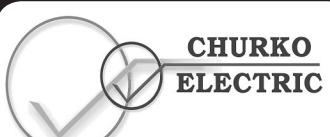
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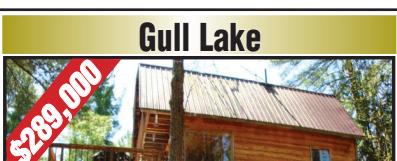


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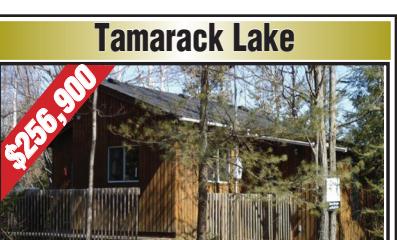
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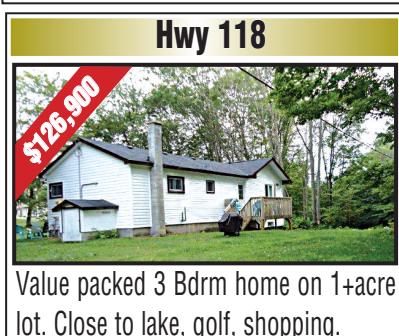
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The World Vision 30 Hour Famine participants with the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School help sort the food they collected from area residents at the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton on Wednesday, May 11. The collection is estimated to last the food bank for at least three weeks. Last month was the food bank's busiest in its 32 year history with 131 households.

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Darren Lum
Staff reporter

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The event started at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10 and ended on Wednesday, May 11.

Students were permitted water and fruit juice during the 30 hours.

During the lunch hour on Wednesday, students were given a rice and fluid break from the famine.

This event included a food donation for the 4Cs by the students collected from the area, a Fun Fair of activities for Stuart Baker Elementary School students, a movie, a talent show and concluded with a late supper.

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Property sales down 40 per cent in April for cottage country, realtors report

Residential property sales recorded through the MLS System of the Muskoka and Haliburton Association of Realtors were down from year-ago levels in April 2011, albeit from a very strong month of April in 2010.

Sales numbered 143 units in April, down 40 per cent on a year-over-year basis.

The average price for waterfront sales was \$558,300 in April 2011, rising seven per cent from a year earlier.

The non-waterfront residential average price increased four per cent from year-ago levels to \$252,230 in April 2011.

The dollar value of home sales in April 2011 totalled \$49.2 million, falling 43 per cent from year-ago levels.

New residential listings on the association's MLS system numbered 522 units in April, down 24 per cent on a year-over-year basis.

There were 1,779 active residential listings on the association's MLS system at the end of April 2011, down three per cent from the same month in 2010. This was the first decline in 14 months.

There were 12.5 months of inventory at the end of April 2011 on a seasonally adjusted basis, up from 10 months in March.

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Total sales activity numbered 192 units in April, down 38 per cent on a year-over-year basis. The total value of those sales was \$55.9 million, down 42 per cent from a year earlier.

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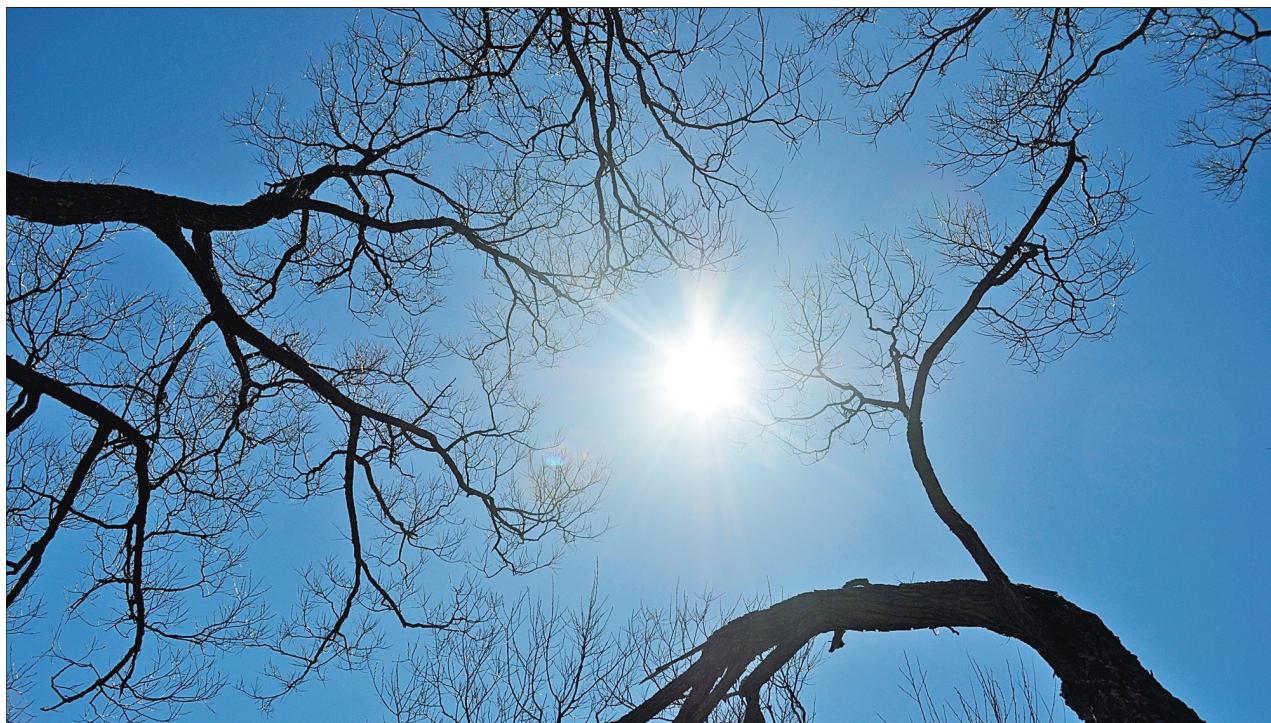
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The provincial government has announced funding for two nurses for the local health unit.

An announcement last week stated that funding "up to \$170,040" would be available for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The nurses will be targeting "priority populations in the community" such as low-income families, homeless people and rural residents.

The nurses will do counselling, advocacy, teaching and community development.

"The new nursing positions will enhance the ability of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit to continue delivering vital health and wellness programs to our communities," Rick Johnson, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock said in a press release.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity to hire two additional nurses ... Public health professionals have been working for years to educate people about the determinants of health and act as advocates for change to ensure everyone has the right to a healthy life.

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"These positions will enable us to increase our work in this area," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the health unit added.

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Feds fund Canada Day celebrations

Canada Day celebrations across Haliburton County will be getting a boost from Celebrate Canada funding, MP Barry Devolin announced last week.

On behalf of MP James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Devolin revealed three festivities would be getting a total of \$5,500.

The township of Minden Hills got the biggest chunk of money with \$3,500 for its famous downtown celebration.

Gooderham also got some money with \$1,700 going to the Gooderham Community Action Group.

Oxtongue Lake, at the northwest corner of the county got \$300.

"The money will be used to help cover some of the costs of each recipient's Canada Day celebrations. All three events include such things as children's activities, live entertainment and fireworks," a press release from Devolin's office reads.

"Celebrate Canada activities have become a tradition offering Canadians the opportunity to share their pride in their country," said Devolin.

"The success of these events is due, in great part, to the volunteer members who work tirelessly to ensure each

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Canadian has an opportunity to enjoy local celebrations."

"I'd like to thank all the volunteers and municipal staff for their hard work on submitting successful funding applications," stated Devolin.

"Having the opportunity to thank people for their hard work and commitment to making our communities better is one of the most rewarding things that I do as your MP."

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Enviro-hero deadline extended

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has extended the nominations deadline for their fourth annual Enviro-Hero awards until Wednesday, May 18. Nominations can be made in the following categories: health, stewardship, education, business, the arts and youth.

An Enviro-Hero has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County.

These honours are given at the annual Wild about Nature Gala (June 18 at Camp Wanakita). Call HHLT at 705-454-8107 or email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca for more information.



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Tarts on the trail

Friends of the Rail Trail started their May 14 Rail Trail Ramble from The Little Tart, the pastry shop belonging to Donald's Bill and Theresa Ross.

Walkers were grabbing coffees for the ramble and were ready to stock up on goodies upon their return.

The Rail Trail Sunday Ramble series continues for the rest of this month.

May 22, the group will be visiting the model train station in Kinmount. Start at the station at 10:30 a.m. to check out the replica. The ramble begins at 11 a.m. and goes to Joe's Black Rock.

The last ramble of the year is May 29 and will cover the history of Gelert. Meet at Gould's Crossing Road and the Rail Trail at 11 a.m. for a walk followed by lunch at Camp Wanakita where the history will be discussed. RSVP to 705-457-4767 by May 25. Tickets \$15.

Chad Ingram Echo staff

New book covers water system safety for cottage country

Rebecca Potter
Special to the Echo

Have you ever wondered how your septic system works, where your water comes from, or how environmentally friendly your pumps are? Look no further than Max Burns's *Country and Cottage Water Systems*.

If you live in the country, or even if you just visit your cottage during the hot summer months, Burns helps ensure that water systems are safe for the owner and the environment.

This book, revised from the first edition from 1999, breaks down the complicated world of plumbing, pumps, and purification to the average country home owner. Some new additions are off-the-electrical-grid solutions, such as

windmill-powered water pumps.

"What brought me back to it was that there's a lot of changes out there – technological changes and environmental changes," Burns said.

Using hand drawn pictures and useful charts, the book includes ways to test your water, describing different types of pumps, the greener way to run your septic system and even a chapter on what will happen to your pipes over the winter.

One big purpose of this book is for cottagers to realize what a luxury running water really is.

"Well most people ... particularly cottagers, take that stuff for granted, because they're coming from a city environment where it's a flush-and-forget society. They don't know, they don't care – they go to the washroom, do their job, they hit the switch on the side and it flushes away and they never see it again. At the cottage, there's a chance that they will see it again in the lake," Burns said.

The book touches on the ways to properly check and save water when there is the threat that it could be destroying the very lake you swim in, as well as how to avoid those pesky water problems like blue-green algae and zebra mussels.

Burns wants the readers to learn, just as he learned while building his own home from scratch. Burns wanted to see how the septic system really worked, and built it himself to answer his own questions, which is where his helpful tips come into the book. There are even blueprints for an outhouse – after experiencing some troubles with his, he decided to design one where all the quirks and issues had been fixed.

"I've always enjoyed picking a topic and reducing it to something that is understandable. I figure if I can understand it, anyone can," Burns said.

A big part of this book is the environmental factor. Included are many ways to minimize your water system's environmental footprint, and with an "Obligatory Environmental Plea" in the back of the book, he makes sure to point out that we want to keep our Earth clean.

"We're moving up here to the north and getting a cottage because of the environment. We want to be here. So why would you want to screw it up?"

In the end, Burns summarized the book by saying, "[the readers] should learn something and be entertained by it. That's the goal."

FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association encourages every country property owner to properly maintain their water systems, for the sake of their health and the health of the environment.

In order to make sure a water system is running properly, it is important to understand how they work. For that, FOCA supplies a wealth of information on their website www.foca.on.ca, which includes videos and facts to instruct owners on how different water systems function. The website also contains the recent changes to the septic re-inspection standards, and two articles on water and septic system in the new 2011 spring newsletter.

Terry Rees, the executive director of FOCA, wants to make sure that country home owners know the proper steps to maintaining their water systems for economical and environmental purposes.

"We're a self-serving community, so it's important that we understand how our home systems work," Rees said.

Since water quality is a key interest to the association, all the information is available to home owners, in the form of fact sheets, videos and newsletters online or at the FOCA head office in Peterborough.

The more homeowners know, the better it is for everyone.

"We're hoping that everyone is mindful of their water when living around or playing in the lake," said Rees.

Bancroft-Minden FOREST INDEPENDENT FOREST AUDIT

An independent group of auditors has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to conduct an independent audit of forest management activities (i.e. planning, public consultation, road construction and maintenance, timber harvesting, forest renewal) on the Bancroft –Minden Forest that have taken place between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2011. Similar audits take place on all Crown Forests in Ontario, that operate under the auspices of a Sustainable Forest license, once every five years.

You are invited to comment on activities that have taken place on that forest during that period of time.

Please provide your comments to:

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All comments received on or before June 20, 2011 will be considered as part of the audit record. All comments will be considered as confidential.



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REQUEST FOR TENDER

Operation of the Concession Booth at the Dysart Arena/Community Centre

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for the operation of the Concession Booth at the Dysart Arena/Community Centre located at 728 Mountain Street, Haliburton.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th, 2011.

Specifications and blank authorization and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON, or on our website at www.dysartetal.ca.

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Dusk Dances 2011 brings magic back to Haliburton

Five performances over four evenings to transform Head Lake Park

Dusk Dances 2011 is set to transform Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village into a magical, high-energy, breathtaking experience from Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31 at 7 p.m. each evening.

Back by popular demand, host extraordinaire, Brigitte Gall, will weave a spell of excitement and whimsy as she guides the audience on a journey to five unique dance performances set in different areas of the park.

Presented by Dusk Dances Haliburton, as a licensee of Dusk Dances Inc., 2010's hugely popular and physically exuberant Thrown-Down Collective: Mairead Filgate, Zhenya Cerneacov, and Brodie Stevenson, choreographers of the show-stopping, "One Couch," return to perform their much anticipated new work: "BoxSet."

Dusk Dances veteran, Meredith Thompson, a dancer with the Danny Grossman Dance Company, Dancetheatre David Earle and other notable ensembles, will perform the exuberant "Get On Board" with Matt Waldie, an intricate tap dance performance choreographed by Thompson and independent dance artist, Kate Franklin.

Mohawk artist and founder of the Kaha:wi Dance Company, Santee Smith, brings "Kaha:wi," a dancework for four women celebrating the feminine spirit and Iroquoian traditions. The Vancouver Sun reports: "The women's movements were graceful and rhythmic...as if they were channelling an elemental current. The soundscape was superb."

Santee is the recipient of the K.M. Hunter Award for Dance and the Chalmers Award administered by the Ontario Arts Council; Canada Council's Victor Martyn Lynch-Staunton Award for the most outstanding mid-career artist in the field of Dance in 2006; and the first-ever John Hobday Award for Arts management in 2008.

Rounding out the evenings, Haliburton County choreographers, Julie Barban and Jackie McChesney, bring two new vibrant pieces performed by local youth from the community.

Plus, with musical guest ensemble, Jazz Kitchen, leading off each evening, Dusk Dances 2011 aims to cast a spell that will last way past sunset. This is a Pay-what-you-can event. All contributions help support this community event.

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Darren Lum Echo staff

Left, Zhenya Cerneacov, Brodie Stevenson and Mairead Filgate perform in the One Couch piece at last year's Dusk Dances. The pay-what-you-can dance event is coming back to Head Lake Park this summer.

www.haliburtonecho.ca

County of Haliburton

Planning Technologist – CUPE Local 1960

Please submit a detailed cover letter and resume preferably via email, [no later than Monday, May 30, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.](mailto:no_later_than_Monday, May 30, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.) to Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and HR Manager twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca

A detailed job ad can be found under **News and Public Notices** at www.haliburtoncounty.ca.



County of Haliburton

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Canoe FM is committed to providing a fair and equitable working environment and encourages applications from all qualified individuals regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation or disability.

Loop minor softball group starts this week

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

The Loop minor softball group is getting teams started this week at the Wilberforce ball diamond.

On Tuesday, May 17 the Tykes age 3 to 6 will register for play from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Also on Tuesday, May 17, juniors age 6 to 11 will register for play on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information on these two divisions call Barb Davies at 705-448-1977 or Mike Rupnow at 705-448-2290.

The older group age 12 to 15 will register on Wednesday, May 18 to play on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call Laura Casey at 705-448-2080 for more information on teams at this level. There is a small registration fee when signing up to play.

There will be a meeting to discuss the future develop-

ment of a medical centre in Wilberforce on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Public participation and comments are welcome.

Shall We Dance, the spring concert by the Festival Singers presented on May 14 and 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, was a thoroughly enjoyable event. Led by Melissa Stephens, the choir which has been singing together and sharing their music for 19 years, again entertained their audiences with an exciting program.

Over the years, music has been composed for various dance forms. People have danced to a wide range of music from simple to very complex. People dance for many reasons.

Still it is intriguing how many songs have been written about dance.

This concert included some fine examples. They ranged from the title piece which brought back memories of Anna and the King of Siam dancing to Puttin' On The Ritz, Your

Mama Don't Dance and Dancing Queen. A medley from the Roaring '20s which included The Varsity Drag and the Charleston featured dancer Loretta Kerr from Heritage Ballet.

This choir accompanied on piano by Wayne Cooper handled well everything from a complex arrangement of Turkey in the Straw to a Moravian Folksong entitled Dance and Turn to Mountain Dance a beautiful Celtic Choral Suite.

Among the many talented performers, it was good to see Mark and Sandra Bramham from Wilberforce in the choir. Charming Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM as narrator provided insightful and entertaining introductions during the program.

How fortunate we are to have so many musicians willing and able to share their talents.

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Congratulations on money raised for cancer research

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Eleanor Cooper

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First of all, thanks are due to Carol Stamp, writer of the report last week of the fundraiser at the Community Cen-

tre. Congratulations to all who worked hard to arrange the event which resulted in the \$3,000 raised for Relay for Life.

An event at St. George's Anglican Church on Saturday morning included several men from Guilford at the men's breakfast: Rob Snelgrove, Earl Cooper, George Claridge, Norm Mills.

John Stouffer was speaker and he told of his time teaching in Ghana.

Our sympathy to the Cowen family in the passing of Russell, son of Gladys and Jim Cowen. Russell leaves many friends and family of the Carnarvon, Guilford and Maple Lake areas.

Lakeside Golf Course is now open for the season.

You may have noticed the fine new house built on what used to be known as the Stevens' field just east of the golf course. It was built by Steve Osborne and he now has his shingle out to advertise his business as contractor at 705-457-0230.

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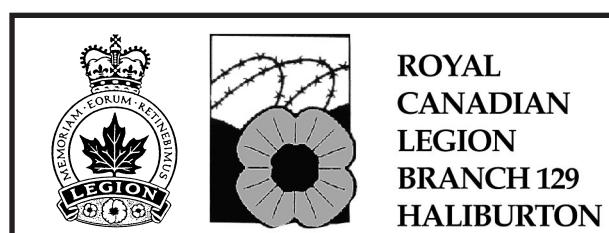
To our west, the large garden area developed by John Patterson, is now beginning to be prepared for planting. Last (its first) year the produce went to farmers' markets and a few local stores.

Feel free to call me with news of graduates, family anniversaries or reunions, recent trips of interest, etc.

Euchre scores for May 10
High – Colleen Davison and Ron Bain
Low – Barbara Brownsberger and Liz Jesseman
Most lone hands – Margaret Ross and Bill Marshall.

Have something to say?

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SCOTT YOUNG

Ontario service officer Scott Young will be visiting the week of June 14, 2011. Anyone wishing to see him must register at branch 129, Haliburton. Phone 457-2571 and leave your name and number.

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Monika Melichar, Operator,
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community calendar



What's happening in the County
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- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Treasures N Trash June 18, 2011 to help plan this year's community yard sale event in Head Lake Park Please contact Laurie 705-457-2330 railsendgallery.com ;
- **May 17: "Out With a Bang: A Grade 12 Talent Showcase".** Located at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion 6:30pm followed by a talent show at 7pm. Silent Auction featuring pieces made by grade 12 art students All Proceeds in support of the HHSS Senior Prom. Tickets are \$5 available at the door
- **May 17: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton** invites you to our Annual General Meeting from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the City of Kawartha Police Station Community Room, 6 Victoria St. N. Lights snacks provided. RSVP: May 10, 2011 at 705-324-6800.
- **May 19: Welcome to Kindergarten** located at Stuart Baker Elementary School, 6:00pm - 7:30pm For all children entering kindergarten in September 2011. Please phone the school, 705-457-1342 and register for the fun filled evening.
- **May 21: Kinmount Farmers Market** from 9am-2pm located at the Old Railway Station in Kinmount
- **May 21: Gooderham United Church Yard Sale** 8am-2pm Light refreshments available
- **May 21: Bottle Drive in support of Cancer Research** located at Kawartha Dairy 10am-3pm
- **May 21: Pie and Tart sale** at Ingoldsby United Church - 1741 Ingoldsby Road - beginning at 10:00 am.
- **May 25: HALIBURTON: Prenatal Class** located @ HKPR District Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Continues for following three Wednesday nights. Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577.
- **May 25: Free Osteoarthritis Information & Education Session** located at the Haliburton Hospital Physiotherapy Department from 10am-12:30pm for more info or to register (space is limited) call 705-457-1392 x226
- **May 26: Woman and Money:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241

• **June 4: Giant Minden Rotary Dinner Auction** at the Minden Community Centre doors open at 5:30, dinner at 7pm \$30.00 per person For Tickets Call Glen at 286-2198

• **June 5: The Granny Tea Party** from 2-4pm in support of The Stephen Lewis Foundation. Located at the Zion United Church Carnarvon Admission \$12 for tickets call 705-286-2198

• **June 8: Haliburton Curling Club Annual Golf Event** Blairhampton Golf Club 1pm shotgun start \$45.00 entry fee. To register, call Larry Dart 705 457 5284; or Rick Ashall 705 455 9567. Non curlers are more than welcome!

• **June 9-13: The Reliquary of Saint Brother Andre Events** Our Lady of Mercy Church, Bancroft. Saint Anthony of Padua Church, Haliburton Contact Church for full List of Events

• **June 26: 9th Annual REC WALK** located at Beavermead Park Ashburnham Dr. Check in at noon All proceeds to Four Counties Brain Injury Association contact 705-741-1172

• **River Walk Minden** is asking residents for their help to lend historic pictures and/or family stories for interpretive signage and future historic booklet. For more information call 705-286-1312 or mindenriverwalk@gmail.com

• **VOLUNTEER with COMMUNITY CARE** Please contact Eileen MacCormack Co-ordinator of Volunteer Services for more information at: 705-324-7323, by email emaccormack@community-care.on.ca or visit the Community Care website at www.community-care.on.ca

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmcathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.
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Celebration Of Life
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Deaths

HART, Ria Maude - Peacefully with her family at her bedside on May 8th, 2011 in her 100th year. Beloved wife of the late Bill Hart. Loving mother of Elizabeth Foster (David), the late Kathy Irvin and mother in law of Rick Irvin. Cherished Grandma of Cathie, Tim, Andrea, Tori (Nancy) and the late Debbie. Caring Great Grandma of Jamie. Ria will be missed by many including Bernie, her constant loving feline companion. Friends were received at Central United Church, 54 Ross St. on Thursday, May 12 from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 12 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to **STECKLEY-GOODERHAM FUNERAL HOME**, 705-721-9921. Ria's special request is that no flowers be sent. Instead donations may be made to Hospice Simcoe (hospicesimcoe.ca), Doctor's Without Borders, or to the David Suzuki Foundation. Condolences may be forwarded to the family through www.steckleygooderham.com


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Deaths



COWAN, Russell Enoch - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital with family by his side on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. In his 81st year. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn (2002) (nee Barry). Cherished father of Kim and her husband Paul Wilson, Chris and his wife Kim (nee Griffin). Loved grandpa of Lauren (Chris Gooley), Adam (Ashley), Jeff (Jessica Chudy), Hilary (Ryan), Brady and Paige. Proud great grandpa of Harper and Fynn Gooley. Son of the late Jim and Gladys Cowan. Dear brother of Fred and Doris, predeceased by Bill, Ethel, Bert, Max, Alvin, Ada, and Violet. Russell will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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Card of thanks

With Heartfelt Thanks



Ginger

June 1, 2010 -
June 1, 2011

I've survived and will be celebrating my **1st** Birthday with all the help from family and friends. Special thank you to Christine for the many hours spent.

God bless everyone (Morley)

Card of thanks

The Crowe family, would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy on our loss of Opal. Our family deeply appreciates all those who: sent flowers or a sympathy card, donated to a charity, called with the kindest words, and though of us those days. Your thoughts and efforts were greatly appreciated!
Yours Sincerely,
Don Crowe On behalf of the Crowe Family

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In memoriam

JEFFREY, Bruce G.
Resident of Algonquin Highlands, formerly of Puslinch, ON

March 24, 1934 - May 16, 2009
It only takes a little space
To write how much we miss you
But it will take the rest of our lives
To forget the day we lost you.
Lovingly remembered by Muriel, Cyd,
Cherri and Val

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\$624,900.
3 Ac, with rippled sand beach **\$328,000.**
13 Ac, 1100' frontage **\$598,000.**
Contact us for details.



KOSHLONG LAKE

Level lot, faces west on rugged Koshlong Lake. Quiet Bay, peaceful & private. Spacious 4br,3bath. Multi level decks, Att dbl grg. New Kitchen rno, last year painted & landscaped. Great setting.

\$615,000.



KOSHLONG LAKE

4BR open concept yr rnd cottage. Warm wood ambience. Heated wtrline, UV system, New steel roof, single det grg. Rustic lot, rock shore, sitting deck, south exposure.

\$439,900.



LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

With most building materials harvested from the property, this stacked cordwood cottage is truly unique. 5 br, open concept living area. If true 'cottageing' is what you want, see this. 255 ft frtg, 14 ac of rich forest. Ask for more information

\$429,000.



WATERFRONT ACREAGE

84 ac of absolute privacy on Growler Lake, more than 1100ft frontage. Point lot, stunning view, sand shoreline, so picturesque on a fantastic deep fishing lake. Fantastic getaway location.

\$429,000.



SOYERS LAKE

Immaculate cottage plus Bunkie on magnificent 5 lake chain. Big lake view, sand shoreline, west exposure. Cozy pine interior.

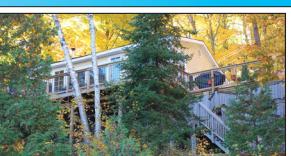
\$419,000.



GREEN LAKE

3 lake chain, spectacular point lot with 350 ft sand shoreline and western exposure. Great swimming, Pretty park-like location. Wheelchair accessible. Attached dbl garage.

\$419,000.



DRAG LAKE

Renovated yr rnd cottage. Lots of character, bright & airy. Large clean shower. Great views. Great exposure to w. L. quiet and clean.

\$379,000.



SAMS LAKE

Extremely private with 850' lake frtg & set in 15 ac natural forest. 4 bedrm cottage with open concept living area. Yr Rnd private road.

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GREEN LAKE

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\$299,000.



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\$259,900.



WILBERFORCE AREA

Charming round log home. Private on 24 acres with trails throughout. Country kitchen, main flr Indry, w/o bsmth with lg recroom. Double Car garage.

\$229,000.



Ingoldsby

Great value, 2+1 br home on 12 ac across the road from Kashagawigamog Lake. Dock, large deck, full w/o basement w/family room. Detached garage (needs repair).

\$179,900.



LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

5.27 ac, 270 ft frtg. West exposure, clean. Several building sites to choose. Natural with stream running through. Big lake view. Tranquil lake, good fishing. Dock system, driveway in.

\$159,000.



SAM'S LAKE SOLITUDE

Great for the naturalist. Quiet lake & surroundings. Good fishing. 52 ac with 600 ft frtg **\$289,000.** Or 5 ac with 250 ft frtg **\$149,000.**

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GLAMORGAN ROAD

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\$130,000.



JIM BEEF LAKE/HWY 118

140 ac mixed bush just outside Haliburton. Surrounds part of Jim Beef Lake. **\$179,000.**

9 ac commercial zoning fronting on Hwy 118. Driveway in. **\$129,000.**



BOUGHNER ROAD

Affordable 2 bdrm starter/retirement home. 1 ac lot close to Haliburton. Main flr laundry & storage, 4 season sunrm. Detached garage plus a barn. Gardens, apple trees, pretty pond.

\$128,800.



GELERT ROAD

3br home, nice bright & clean. Laminate floor throughout, pine kitchen. Sunroom, gazebo and 2 storage sheds. Close to Haliburton Village. Good starter home.

\$119,900.



GOODERHAM HOME

Just a stone's throw from Gooderham Lake public beach. Great little home or cottage. Newly rno'd. Full bsmth. In the village & only 15 min to Haliburton.

\$115,000.



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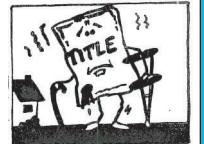
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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

AVOID TITLE DEFECTS

QUESTION: How can you be sure that there are no defects in the title when you purchase land?

ANSWER: When buying land, you should always have the public land records checked to insure that title to the real estate you are buying is free from defects, such as, a "missing heir" who has failed to sign a deed in the chain of title, or unpaid taxes. If there are any mortgages or other liens against the property, they will also be discovered. Normally, unpaid taxes and liens pose no problem because they are withheld from the purchase price and paid—often through the Realtor's escrow account—to the creditor at the closing.



IT IS IMPORTANT to both the buyer AND the seller that there be no defects in the title.



County card scores

May 5 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Elva Paisley and Jim Bradbury with Lorna Hicks and John Priestly posting the high scores. The lows went to Pearl Cowen and Ron Jarvis while Lorna Hicks, Sharron Atkinson, Murray Daniels and Jim and May Bradbury took home the other prizes.

May 6 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First in North/South were Peter O'Connor and Rob Eaton 63 percent with Ross Davies and Muriel McIntosh next at 62 percent. Over in East/West top spot went to Elva Robinson partnered with Ross Fletcher at 55 percent then Howie Ryan and Jim Dennis 54 percent.

May 6 bid euchre at Club 35: Leading lady for the pinks was Pat Marshall 208 then Dorene Elstone 207 and Loretta Lamb 198. First for the whites was Merv Elstone 245 followed by Linda Voycey 208 and David Lamb 193 with Clara Mischio holding the hidden score.

May 6 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Albert Foster won for high hands, Murray Daniels for lone hands, Sherin Brown for low hands and Pat Bailey for the draw. Many thanks to those who donated back their winnings to the "treasury".

May 7 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: First for the whites at 311 was Archie Ross followed by Marcy Morgan 263 and Albert Foster 259. Topping the pinks was Elli Langpohl 319 then Pat Roussel 305 and Phyllis Windsor 272. Phyllis also took a moonshot along with Marcel Roussel and our reporter Albert Foster while Sharron Atkinson won the special prize.

May 8 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: From Sharon Forbes the news that Carol Derbyshire was a double winner for both high hands and the special prize while Doreen Francis won for lone hands and Sandra Crockett for low hands.

May 9 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Betty Sharpe and Mabel Deacon

with Jeanne Keliele and our reporter Tim Sharpe posting the highs. The afternoon's low went to Ken Rowden while Tim Sharpe also claimed the special prize.

May 9 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top three players were Pat Roussel 346, Marjorie Paradis 281 and Ron Morrison 265. Jim Duncan won the draw with moonshots going to Dana Briscoe, Emily Harvie and Marcel Roussel. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this update.

May 9 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Don Jemmett reports that John Sparks won for high hands, Doreen Francis for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Jesse Barlow for the special prize.

May 9 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand holder was Tom Pearson with our interim reporter Dorene Elstone and Peter Farr posting the highs. The evening's lows went to Jean Dutka and Merv Elstone while Marion Farr won the baloney.

May 10 bid euchre at Minden Legion: High lady at 307 was Elli Langpohl then Vi Howell 276 and Muriel Harrington 244 with Dana Briscoe 283 first for the gents and Marcy Morgan tied with Archie Ross for second place at 266. Moonshots landed on Sharon Jarvis, Vi Howell, Marcel Roussel and Archie Ross [2] while the draws went to Phyllis Windsor, Betty Jochim, Jesse Barlow and Tom Grix.

May 10 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Joan Hummel led at 3,950 followed by Jim Burrows 3,480 and John du Manoir 3,140. This is a morning event starting at 9 am.

May 10 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Teaming up for top spot at 348 were Eleanor Lymer and Andy Boivin with Bev Alexander and Pam Pappas next at 302. Third place went to Joan Bell and Ray Lymer 285 with the afternoon's low of 140 recorded by Jean Randell partnered with John Platt.

May 10 contract bridge at Club 35: Top honours went to our reporter Margo Davidson at 6,090 followed by Ev Morgan 5,580, Ross Fletcher 5,280 and Carol Bowker 5,190. Lita Peirol received the Shiny Penny and Barry Cowling was the lucky draw winner. There were two Slams over the afternoon one by Ev Morgan and Elaine Burbidge and the second by Jackie Metcalf and Barry Cowling.

May 10 euchre at Gelert: Harold Harvie reports that the lone hand holder was Emily Harvie with Gala Newell and John Deak posting the high scores. Reta Crofts and Gord Darby claimed the evening's lows with Grant Lees winning the draw.

May 11 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: First in North/South at 61 percent were Bruce Armstrong and Howie Ryan then Ross Fletcher partnered with Vange Croucher 59 percent and Tom and Margo Davidson 56 percent. For East/West top spot went to Jan and Dave Heaven 57 percent followed by Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 56 percent and the team of Jackie Metcalf and Jim Dennis 55 percent.

May 11 bid euchre at Stanhope: Leading the pinks at 306 was Debbie Lamb with Marion Farr 261 next and Loretta Lamb 254 third. Peter Farr topped the whites at 319 then Colin Miller 270 and Tom Macartney 249 while Debbie Lamb, Willie Cox, Muriel Harrington, Tom Grix, Kay Naylor and our reporter Linda Lambert claimed the moonshots. From his many friends at Club 35 a special hello to Chris Clarke along with good wishes for his ongoing recovery.

May 12 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Muriel McIntosh and Jesse Barlow with Joyce Broesma and Doug McIntosh posting the highs. Lorna and Don Hicks claimed the evening's lows with Tom Grix, Andy Broesma [2], John Priestly and Joyce Broesma taking home the other prizes.

District 110SGA Scoreboard

May 1 5 Pin Bowling The Fast Lane Minden Team Gold - Jim & Rose Cummings, Gordon & Edith Shirran, Elli Welsh +318

Team Silver - Gerald & Gloria Wagg, Walter & Anne Franke, Lynn Bartlett, + 168

Team Bronze - Claude & Christine Cote, Barbara Milligan, Bob Seymour, David Stokes, + 98

Singles - Women Gold - Elli Welsh +82, Silver-Barbara Milligan +73 Bronze - Debra Cox + 62.

Singles - Men's Gold - Gordon Shirran +157, Silver - Walter Franke +136, Bronze - Nick Bijentina +114

Jenn:

Snooker May 5 Haliburton Legion

Gold - Robert Valm, Silver - Michael Hanshard, Bronze - Ron Barr.

9 Ball May 5 Haliburton Legion

Gold - Doug McIntosh, Silver - Ron Barr, Bronze - Robert Valm

Swimming

Women

55-64 prediction 200 metres 1st Cathy McIlmurray differential 1:18 2nd Katie Hansard 2:24

Sprint 50 metres 1st Cathy McIlmurray 1:07 2nd Katie Hansard 1:21

65-74 prediction 100 metres 1st Margaret Ramkema differential 0:01 2nd Aileen Bruce 0:39

Sprint 25 metres 1st Aileen Bruce 0:35 2nd Margaret Ramkema 0:37

Medley 1st Gail Medcalf 3:16

Men

65-74 prediction 100 metres 1st Michael Hansard differential 0:13

Sprint 25 metres 1st Michael Hansard 0:21 75+ Medley 1st Hans Ramkema 2:18.

Euchre Haliburton May 7, Minden Legion

1st Peter O'Connor & Doug McIntosh 168

2nd Noreen Howe & Barb Haley - Marsh 145

3rd Jim Bradbury & May Bradbury 143

Muskoka May 3, Gravenhurst

1st Ruby Allen & Bernice Sopher

2nd Loretta Lake & Dorothy Strachan

3rd Donna Irwinn & Howard Irwin 128

Bid euchre Haliburton May 10 Minden Legion

1st Willie Cox & Jack Cox 510

2nd Patricia Norman & Doreen DeGrave 435

3rd Beverley Johnson & Georgina Parkes 421

Bid Euchre Muskoka May 11 Gravenhurst

Senior Centre

1st Barb & Doug Duce 506

2nd Lillian Gillian & Connie Taylor 482

3rd Ron Belfry & Janet Lamore 479

Cribbage Haliburton May 12, Kinmount Legion

1st Linda Cherry & Kathie Porter, 5W 18 (points below)

2nd Cynthia Goodison & Elois Somerville, 5W 37

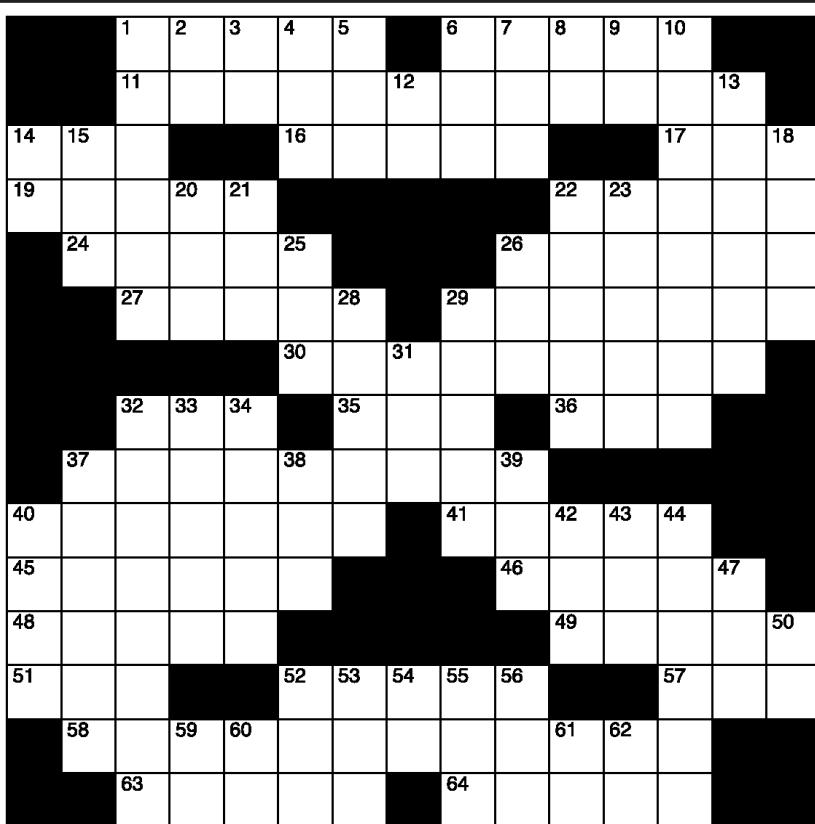
3rd Ev Stata & Barb Wood 5W 45

Cribbage Muskoka May 12, Gravenhurst Seniors Centre

1st Edith Page & Gay Coon, 6W 17 (points below)

2nd Lillian Gillian & Connie Taylor, 6W 27

3rd Beverly Skelding & Lynne Briden, 4W 29

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Severo ___, US biochemist
6. Mother of Perseus
11. Failure to act promptly
14. British Air Aces
16. Wire rope
17. Make a mistake
19. Opposite of digest
22. Carefree spending
24. Chilean pianist Claudio
26. Reference point to shoot at
27. Soft exhales
29. Accumulated glacial debris
30. Front-runners
32. Seaman
35. Border for a picture
36. Distress signal
37. Ruses
40. Audio-systems
41. Hindu holy man
45. Sermon on a moral topic
46. Umbrellas (British)
48. Old World buffaloes
49. Filled with narcotic medication
51. Norse goddess of death
52. Hall for music or drama
57. de cologne
58. 2 consecutive games
61. Tree shadow
64. Distributes playing cards

CLUES DOWN

1. Propositions
2. 38th state
3. 1/3 of Santa's laugh
4. Non-exchange stocks (abbr.)
5. Dentist's group
6. Dekaliter
7. To become old
8. "All About Love" actress Sandra
9. 2001 Spielberg film
10. Invigorates
12. Atomic #37
13. Leaves eaten as vegetables
14. 2nd tone of the scale
15. Honorable title (Turkish)
18. Plexus
20. __ Lanka
21. Children's game
22. Indian dresses
23. Italian textile city
25. Ultrahigh frequency
26. Hill (Celtic)
28. Lappland herders
29. Tiny specks or molecules
31. Personal holiday (abbr.)
32. Repeated tones
33. Skylighted central areas
34. Stirs up anger
37. Repented
38. "Little Dorrit" actress Claire
39. Droop
40. Former ruler of Iran
42. Father
43. Health Maintenance Organization
44. Not downers
47. A very large body of water
50. Of, French
52. Not new
53. River in NE Scotland
54. Canadian what
55. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
56. No (Scottish)
59. Expression of uncertainty
60. Atomic #56
61. Algerian dinar
62. Raised electrical railway

What's on in the county

• **A pictorial essay** of Haliburton County A new picture every day at <http://jackbush.my-expressions.com>.

• **Adult Badminton** Mondays, 8 to 10 p.m., until May 30 at ASES, Minden. New members needed and welcome. Bring your racket and running shoes. Membership \$40 for the season. Call 705-286-2860.

• **Al-Anon Meetings** in Minden on Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance.)

• **Alzheimer's Disease** "Caring with Confidence" a support group for caregivers of people with dementia meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Haliburton Hospital in the Ruth Parkes Room 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 800-765-0515.

• **Adult Volleyball** Dorset Recreation Centre at 7 p.m. every Thursday.

• **Aqua Size** for Seniors or Adults with disabilities If you are interested, call Community Care 705-457-2941.

• **Attention Stamp Collectors:** in Minden and Haliburton. New club is forming, please call Kevin if interested at 705-489-1038.

• **Babysitter Training Course:** Haliburton OEYC April 19 to May 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. Minden OEYC, April 20 to June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. Students must register by April 4 by calling 705-286-4625 or email oeycparented@bellnet.ca.

• **Bread for Life Diner**, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2 For more information contact the Highland Lakes Community Church

• **Canoe FM** – Your Not for Profit Community Radio Station in Haliburton is looking for volunteer broadcasters. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to try something a little different....and have fun doing it. If you have ever thought that you would like to try your hand at radio, now is your chance....give Roxanne Casey a call at 705-457-9603.....and find

out what is involved in learning how to be an on air host at Canoe Fm. Remember Explore, Engage and Embrace the benefits of volunteering at Canoe FM

• **Celebrate Recovery Meeting** is for everyone with hurts, habits and hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church, Mondays at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) 705-457-2851.

• **Club 35 Events** - Bid Euchre Fridays at 7 p.m. Euchre for adults and seniors on Mondays at 7 p.m. Call 705-489-2945. Township of Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle every other Saturday at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call 705-489-3878.

• **Community Badminton** Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Everyone welcome, bring your own racket.

• **Computer Help** Dorset Recreation Centre, running daily. 705-766-9968 or drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

• **Diners Club** at the Minden Legion, first and third Thursday of every month. Contact Ida 705-457-2941.

• **Diners Club** at Win Yeung, Haliburton, second and fourth Thursday of every month. Contact Ida 705-457-2941.

• **Diners Club** at the Wilberforce Legion, second and fourth Friday of every month. Contact Ida 705-457-2941.

• **Employment Services** with the YMCA are being offered the second & fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact YMCA Employment Service – Huntsville at 705-787-0512

• **Foot Clinic** with Fran Gower, RN on Wednesday, May 25. Call Joy at 705-766-1418 to book an appointment or for more information.

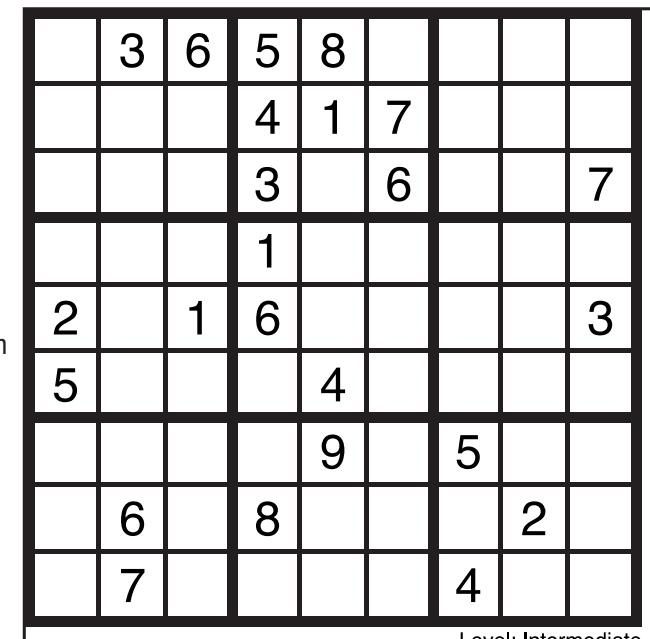
• **For women experiencing any type of abuse**, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 705-286-6442 or 800-461-7656.

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Sudoku

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

See answer on page 7.



Level: Intermediate

Hosting a successful yard sale

If your annual spring cleaning ritual has produced a mountain of unused and unwanted items, you may want to think twice before you simply toss them out. How about a yard sale to turn that "junk" into someone else's "treasure?"

Each weekend in spring and summer you'll find yard sales popping up throughout Almaguin, Muskoka and Haliburton areas. The Muskoka & Haliburton Association of REALTORS® offer the following tips to host a successful yard sale: Settle on a date and time for your sale, weekends are universal and most run from 8 or 9 am until 4 or 5 p.m. You will also need to set a rain date, usually the next day if your sale is on a Saturday, or the following weekend if your date is Sunday.

Most sellers advertise by posting signs

on lamp posts and hydro poles. Veteran buyers will scout a neighbourhood during the week looking for telltale flyers.

Have someone present at all times. Placing valuable items closer to your sales desk is a good idea.

Running out of change is also a problem that plagues many sales. As most of your transactions will involve small amounts, it never hurts to have \$50 or more in small bills and loonies and toonies at hand.

Buyers will often stop at a bank machine before they come, so expect to get a lot of tens and twenties.

There are a number of items that are always in high demand: art, antiques (even distressed pieces), furniture, appliances, electronic equipment, tools, and lately, computer games and accessories.

Mention these in your flyer or ad.

Surprisingly, many veteran yard salers are not interested in old clothing. Unless you've got something special to offer, you can expect to turn much of your old wardrobe over to charity.

As to pricing your goods, nothing turns away a potential buyer more than a price that is too high. You can always expect haggling, but most won't even bother if you price an old lamp at \$20, when similar items can be had for \$5. The best plan of action is to attend a few sales the week before, and find out the going prices.

Another good tip that will help make a sale is to offer free coffee to your visitors. A friendly face and a free cup of java can do wonders. Or if you want to get the kids involved, have them set up an old-fashioned lemonade stand and charge five

cents a cup.

Finally, the success of a yard sale is measured by the amount of additional space you have in your house after the yard sale is over, and the amount of money you make. Now you may be tempted to run out and purchase more items that will likely end up in your next yard sale. But, why not celebrate your success by spending the money on dinner at a nice restaurant for the family and whoever helped at the sale.

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Local businesses give to lake stewards manual

Several local business owners have given donations to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations for the production of the Lake Stewards Manual. The manual is a one-of-a-kind resource for the 45 lake stewards from 38 lake associations. The manuals include information on everything lake related including how to protect our lakes for the future.

Right: Century 21 - Left to right: Andrew Hodgson, (Owner); Erin

Nicholls; Drew Bishop; Ed Gibbons; David Lee; Lee Gauthier; Tom Wilkinson; Karen Nimigon; Tom Ecclestone; Mark Dennys; Paul MacInnes; Anne Hodgson (Owner).

Below left: Parker Pad - From left: Paul MacInnes, Maureen James, Nancy Houghton, Michelle Bauman and Janis Parker.

Below right: Law office - Law office photo: From left, Jeff Kieley, Raymond Selbie and Paul MacInnes

